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JINX**

ASTON Villa are League Champions. Looking forward to playing in the European Cup next season. And if it hadn't been for manager Ron Saunders I could well have picked up a title-winning medal in May.

I have no regrets about leaving Villa. Even in hindsight, knowing what they've achieved and how near Wolves came to relegation, I'd do the same thing again.

People have said to me: "You made the wrong move, Andy," and have looked at me in amazement when I tell them if I could turn back the clock I'd still have left Villa.

While I have every respect for Ron Saunders' success as a manager, he and I did not see eye to

such as Allan Evans and Kenny Swain, to name but two, who are worth many times what Villa paid for them.

I have to say I would almost certainly still be at Villa were it not for Ron Saunders. At first things went well and I want to go on record as saying in my early days with Villa he was as good for me as anyone's been in teaching me my

trade. As a former centre-forward I looked forward to learning a lot more. That's where my problems began.

There came a time when I was asking questions about football which couldn't be answered. And I wanted to learn more about the game than Ron Saunders could teach me. That was the beginning.

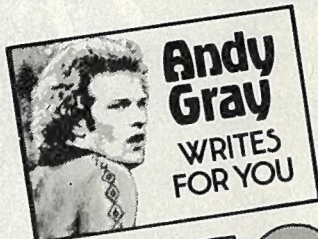
When things weren't going well we looked to the manager, but it didn't work from his point of view. The best thing was to get rid of the players concerned and it's worked very nicely for him.

I think only Dennis Mortimer is

still there from that team, but in no way can I or anyone else say Ron Saunders was wrong. Just look where Villa are.

At one time, about 18 months ago, it looked as if the behind-the-scenes power struggle would see Ron Saunders ousted. It couldn't have been easy to work under such circumstances and I would hate anyone to think I was responsible for stirring any of that trouble. It would have happened anyway.

He's a manager who has the



'The questions Ron Saunders couldn't answer'

eye. There was a clash of personalities and we had our disagreements.

Maybe he thought I was becoming bigger than the club... I don't really like to speculate. It wasn't just myself; others were in the same situation, players such as John Gregory, John Gidman, Tommy Craig, Chris Nicholl and John Deehan all left in a short time.

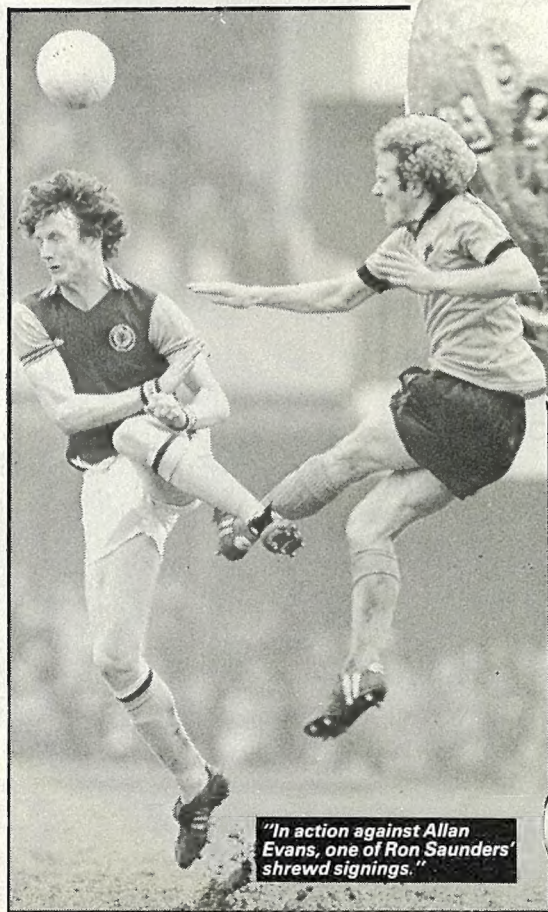
It says a lot for Ron Saunders that three years later Villa are the Champions and he's Bells Manager of the Year. He's done a great job, I can't take that away from him.

Why is he successful? To a certain extent he's been lucky with players who have come through when he needed them. He's had his breaks in the transfer market, too. He signed me without, I believe, ever seeing me play. And Villa made a profit of £1,400,000 on me.

One of the Villa scouts, Neville Briggs, recommended me, but the manager takes the credit or blame, whatever the circumstances.

He's had plenty of money to spend. I don't know many other clubs who would allow their manager to spend around half a million pounds on two players — David Geddis and Terry Bullivant — and put them in the reserves. Had John Barnwell, for instance, spent that amount of Wolves' money the club would have expected first team players.

Then he's picked up bargains



"In action against Allan Evans, one of Ron Saunders' shrewd signings."



ability to build a young side, make them work hard and play without complicating the players with tactics, and that's one of his biggest assets. He believes in preparing his own team and letting it play and this shows. If the players are good enough they'll get the results . . . and the current Villa team is good enough.

They deserved to win the Championship because they won the most games, playing attacking football. I'll be interested to see how they fare next season when they could be involved in two of three competitions in March and April, rather than being able to concentrate on just one.



"David Geddis cost a big fee, but has spent most of the time in Villa's reserves."

If you took Villa and Ipswich, on the day, when it matters, I think Ipswich would come out on top as they did in their three clashes during 1980/81. But that doesn't necessarily make Ipswich a better team.

I was glad to see Villa take the title. They are the only side I wanted to be Champions apart from Wolves. Once a Villa player, always a Villa fan, and I have nothing but

admiration for one of the greatest clubs in England.

I said earlier in the season that if Villa won the title they would become a team of stars and I was delighted for their players who were called upon by Ron Greenwood, especially Peter Withe who had a magnificent season.

Peter did more than anyone to win the Championship for Villa. After Paul Mariner, he's probably the best striker of his type around and could do well for England, if only on a short-term basis.

I feel I'm a better all-round player since joining Wolves. Playing under John Barnwell and Richie Barker has been a soccer education.

But good luck to Villa, worthy Champions of England.

And. Greaves



"John Gidman (left) and John Denham were also part of the big clear-out."

Glenn Hoddle's loyalty test

WHATEVER happened to that old fashioned word loyalty?

Football supporters throughout the land find it difficult to comprehend a star player's decision to pack his bags and leave a club which launched his soccer career when his contract runs out.

Take the case of Glenn Hoddle. Even as Spurs' fervent supporters marched 20 abreast up Wembley Way to cheer "There's only one Glenn Hoddle . . ." at the 100th F.A. Cup Final replay, England's most exciting midfield star was making it clear that when his contract with Tottenham expires this summer, he is by no means certain to remain in North London.

What a sorry state of affairs when one of England's favourite sons is lost to the lira laden wastes of Italy or other European clubs preferring to import ready-made talent rather than develop their own.

No wonder Spurs fans find it repugnant that Hoddle could be wearing anything other than a number 10 shirt with a cockerel stitched on the chest.

Glenn Hoddle is as much a part of Tottenham today as Pat Jennings was to the club in the 70's and Jimmy Greaves in the 60's. The prospect of Jennings and Greaves missing from the Spurs line-up was guaranteed to send fans into temporary mourning.

SHOOT view!

Fans are averse to change. They want home-grown heroes to remain loyal to the clubs who piloted them from junior teams to the big time.

Liverpool fans felt they had lost a limb when Kevin Keegan left and only Kenny Dalglish's arrival compensated for his departure.

Manchester United has never been the same since George Best's boots danced down the Old Trafford pitch for the last time, nor has Highbury since Liam Brady waved farewell to the North Bank.

Sadly, but understandably, players such as Glenn Hoddle will be tempted to leave their clubs as long as the grass remains greener on the other side of the Channel.

It even pays them handsomely to be transferred to rival Football League clubs as Forest manager Brian Clough observed mischievously with these sentiments expressed in a national newspaper on the day of the Cup Final: "The price (for Hoddle) is unimportant. It never has been important with me in the past, but Spurs could well do with a goalkeeper and we have got one in Peter Shilton who says he is unhappy."

The pressure to lure Hoddle away from Spurs this summer will be fierce, but maybe, just maybe, Keith Burkinshaw will win the day with the promise of European football next season.

PROGRESS made by Brighton full-back Chris Ramsey is a source of embarrassment to three other clubs.

Bristol City had him on their books as an apprentice professional, and he was on schoolboy forms with Arsenal and Charlton.

The 19-year-old Londoner joined Brighton last July and was signed as a professional a month later.

OVER 70 North Hampshire amateur football clubs are to benefit from a £10,000 sponsorship deal just completed between their League and a local sports equipment firm.

Retail and mail order specialists — Cash & Carry Sport — of Victoria Road, Farnborough, have signed a three-year agreement with the Farnborough & District Sunday Football League to pay many of the League's overheads. These will include all monthly fixture lists, general printing costs, Cup Final expenses and purchase of all winners and runners-up trophies in each division. The firm will also donate a trophy for the 5th Division and promote the league as widely as possible.

McNaught puts club before country

KEN McNAUGHT, the dominating centre half in new Champions' Aston Villa's defence, is more pleased with winning the title than he would have been if his commanding form in the successful campaign had led to a Scotland call up.

The blond defender says: "Sure it would be nice to win a Scotland cap but winning the title and getting that medal is even better."

If McNaught does break through into international boss Jock Stein's plans then he will be following in his father's footsteps. Dad Willie won five caps in the fifties while playing for Raith Rovers.

Oh what a season

HAMILTON Accies were pleased to see the end of the season because they haven't fared as well as they'd hoped. And it's all because they got the wrong kind of breaks.

They started when John Deeney broke an arm and was off for 22 games. Jamie Fairlie and Peter McAdam have also been side-lined with breaks.

Says manager Davy McParland: "I just cannot remember a season when I had so many players off for so long."

No clear-out at United

WITH the news that many clubs are seriously intent on drastically pruning their playing staffs it is refreshing to discover that Dundee United are taking a more positive attitude.

"There will be very few free transfers from Tannadice," declares manager Jim McLean. "Some players will go, but it is our intention to replace them immediately. I have lots of talented youngsters just waiting to be called up. "All in all, it is quite probable that my staff will be larger than usual at the start of next season."

A few players have been earmarked as surplus to requirements and will be made available to other clubs at realistic prices.

'Villa nearly ruined me'

— Tommy Craig



TOMMY Craig has something of an old score to settle next season. He was never very happy about his spell at Aston Villa and the Swansea City skipper feels that he could prove a point when he returns with the Welsh club to Villa Park.

He said: "I don't talk about that spell at Villa. It was a very bad move for me and it very nearly ruined my career. I was fortunate that I was able to move to Swansea."

"I had something to prove and Swansea gave me the opportunity to show my real form. I like to think that I played my part in Swansea getting into the First Division."

JOCK WALLACE just failed to save Leicester from dropping into the Second Division and many shrewd judges believe he can steer the team back to the top flight at the first time of asking.

Wallace has never been one to be cautious when it comes to bleeding youngsters — and he certainly did his fair share in the season just ended.

Many of the youngsters impressed and none more so than Irish midfielder Paul Ramsey, who made his debut in the final game of the season when Norwich were beaten 3-2 at Carrow Road.

Ramsey played his part and Wallace says: "He is a very good prospect, indeed."

A former captain of the Irish schoolboys' team. He first joined the Filbert Street staff in May, 1979, and turned professional in March last year.

Bosco goes home

YUGOSLAV international forward Bosco Jankovic has returned home after two years with Middlesbrough. The 30-year-old lawyer wanted to finish his career in his native country.

Jankovic, a £100,000 signing, enjoyed his life in the First Division. He finished last season as Boro's leading scorer.

Ipswich must be sorry he did not pack his bags for home before their early-May visit to Ayresome Park. The two goals of Jankovic destroyed the Championship hopes of Ipswich — and gave the title to Aston Villa.

Middlesbrough gave Jankovic a free transfer and released him early so he could help his former club, Ziljeznar, in an important Cup Final.

PAUL EMSON, Derby County's exciting, 20-year-old winger, will always be grateful to full-back team-mates Steve Buckley and Steve Emery for helping him out of a recent sticky patch.

Emson, a tall, rangy winger who can play on either flank, but prefers the left, has plenty of skill and control, but he felt his talents deserted him for a spell.

Buckley and Emery gave up their free time to him and helped him by allowing him to take them on as full backs and attempt to pass them on either side.

The Grimsby-born Emson says: "I have always liked watching players like Brady, Currie, Best, Marsh and Bowles. I'm a strong believer in winning, but I think the crowds also want entertainment."

NEWS DESK

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PHILISHAVE FIND THE BALL COMPETITION

FIRST PRIZE WINNER

James Lockhart, Edinburgh.

RUNNERS-UP

Alison Harris, Wilstead, Beds. Gary Flack, Crawley, Sussex. Keith Magnay, Carlisle. Martin McKee, Co Armagh. Mark Sedgwick, Sittingbourne, Kent. Kevin Jeffery, Totnes. Michael Lawrence, Tonbridge. Nigel Blair, Co Tyrone. Vito Russo, Peterborough. Thomas Brisbane, Grangemouth.

First Prize — Phillips Video Recorder.

Runners-up — Philishave Electric Shavers.

HILL'S A WINNER



FORMER Millwall, Manchester United, Q.P.R. and England winger Gordon Hill, now playing in America with Montreal Manic, has already become a firm favourite with the fans.

Gordon has won the NASL's first Star of the Week award of the new season and has helped to boost home gates in Montreal to over 27,000.



FOOTBALL managers endure some rough times. Occasionally, their burden is lightened. Alec Ferguson, boss of Aberdeen, is clearly delighted to line-up with Miss Holiday Inn Aberdeen Airport, Rhona Morrice, aged 19. She's no footballer but Alec isn't complaining.

BIRMINGHAM boss Jim Smith, getting set to strengthen his squad for a determined assault on honours and a realistic bid to win a place in Europe next season, has problems in keeping his present set up together.

Alan Ainscow, who was named as Birmingham's Player of the Season after their first campaign back in the top flight, is unhappy with the new contract he has been offered. Unless he gets a better deal Ainscow is ready to move on.

Liverpool's German reunion

THE GERMANS called it the 'Europa-Cup Revival', but to the members of the famous Liverpool '60's team it was a moving reunion with old friends and competitors.

This was the game which started fifteen years ago to the day at Hampden Park Glasgow, when Borussia Dortmund beat the Merseysiders 2-1 in the Cup Winners Final, and continued this week in the Westfalen Stadium, Dortmund — with the same 22 players on the pitch.

The game was the idea of the German Press who organised the match for charity, 13,500 spectators watched the game, and raised £10,000 for disabled children.

The match itself was not what you would expect from a friendly of this nature, for it was played with the same commitment and passion as the game fifteen years ago. But once again the German side won, this time 2-0, both goals — the second one a beautiful chip — scored by Emmerich, who also happened to score the winning goal at Hampden Park.

Both teams enjoyed the match so much that they are trying to arrange yet another return game at Liverpool next year for a British charity. The German press reported it as the best game seen at the Westfalen Stadium all season, which is where Dortmund play every fortnight in the Bundesliga.



The Liverpool team (left to right) standing: John Bennisson (trainer), Geoff Strong, Chris Lawler, Gerry Byrne, Tommy Lawrence, Ronnie Yeats, Tommy Smith, Ian St John, Willie Stevenson. Kneeling: Peter Thompson, Ian Callaghan, Bobby Graham, Roger Hunt, Gordon Milne and Ian Ross.

Despite the departure of Dave Sexton from Old Trafford, Manchester United will fulfill their pre-season friendly against Bohemians in Dublin on August 16th. The Eire club have a guarantee in writing from United Secretary Les Olive.

SHOOT/WEST GERMANY SHIRT COMPETITION RESULT

In our West Germany Shirt competition in April readers were invited to answer three questions on West Germany's Manny Kaltz. The correct answers were:

1 — Defence; 2 — Hamburg S.V.; 3 — 2-1.

Having considered all entries, the judges chose the ten neatest correct entries, with age taken into account. Senders of these receive an authentic Adidas West Germany shirt, they are: David Blackwell, New Milton. Steven Brooks, Glasgow. Paul Bunney, Amptill. Robert Connor, Ballincollig. Andrew Hayhoe, Swanley. Colin Newman, Cranleigh. Eric Reid, Brackley. Iain Rutherford, WallSEND. Lee Wakefield, Eythorne. Chris Watson, Grantham.

Briefly...

● There was one disappointed fan among the 30,000 West Ham crowd who cheered as Sir Matt Busby handed skipper Billy Bonds the Second Division Championship trophy after their last home match of the season against Wrexham. She was Billy Bonds' seven year daughter who was sitting in the stand, and had expected to see her favourite character BUZZY.

● Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP for North-West

Durham and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, is the new president of the Drybroughs Northern League.

● Bert Johnson, who has spent the last two seasons as general manager of Walsall, has now retired upon reaching the age of 65.

The former England and Charlton player once managed Cambridge United and then spent ten seasons with Leicester City as assistant to Matt Gillies. Later he moved to Nottingham Forest when Gillies moved in at the City Ground.

FORMER Coventry favourite Don Nardiello, now enjoying life with Washington Diplomats in the North American Soccer League, aims to make it back to the big time in the English League.

The 23-year-old forward said: "I am kept in touch with the scene over here through friends and I realise it is not time to think about a return now."

"But in a couple of years time, when I am 26, then it might be right. They say you are at your peak as a footballer when you are 26 and I know I am a better player now than when I left Coventry."

Nardiello left the Sky Blues in March 1980 to join Detroit Express, now Washington Diplomats. Last season he scored seven goals in 29 appearances. He thinks most American sides are about English Second Division standard.

THE 7th International Football Programme Fair and Exhibition will be held on Saturday 17th June at The Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2. (11am to 4.00pm). Admission 50p. Advance tickets available from: 66 Southend Road, Wickford, Essex (enclosing SAE). There will be thousands of programmes for sale from a few pence to a few pounds. There will also be displays of rare programmes.

Hands off Lee

MANY top clubs have been casting envious eyes at Stoke's England Under-21 striker Lee Chapman.

But Stoke boss Alan Durban is intent on keeping him. He says: "If Lee stays with us I believe we have a good chance of qualifying for Europe next season."

Stoke certainly finished last season with a flourish, losing only one of their last nine games — and that was at Liverpool.

Lincoln-born Chapman, who signed professional for Stoke in June, 1978, and had a spell on loan to Plymouth the same year, scored 17 League and Cup goals last season — including hat-tricks against Norwich and Leeds.



FOR the third year running, North Paddington Boys' Club has won the Persil Clean Team Football Trophy, an award made to the 'cleanest' team of players in the London Federation of Boys' Clubs under-14 Football League.

This year is the 10th anniversary of the Persil Clean Team Trophy. The presentation took place at the headquarters of the Football Association. Bob Wilson, who presented the first Persil Award, made this year's presentation. Well done, lads!

MOORLAND Publishing arranged a special day out for Nicholas Bisten of Sutton Coldfield at his favourite club — Aston Villa. The Club gave him VIP treatment and a seat in the director's box for Villa's last home game, against Middlesbrough.

Nicholas, aged 18, is physically handicapped. He has only missed one game in the last six years — and Villa provided him with a superb win 3-0.

The highlight of the day was when Ron Saunders presented him with a copy of The Story of Aston Villa which had been signed by all the Villa players. Ron Saunders found time to chat at some length to Nicholas.

The book is one of a series of soccer histories published by Moorland and is available from local bookshops and the Souvenir Shop at Villa Park price £4.95. Other titles include "The Story of Liverpool" and "The Story of Tottenham Hotspur".

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FIFTEEN years ago Geoff Hurst, Alan Ball, Martin Peters and Nobby Stiles were sitting on top of the soccer world when, along with their England team-mates, and manager Alf Ramsey, they carried off the most coveted trophy in soccer — the World Cup.

They were national heroes one and all, with the whole of English football at their feet.

But last season the famous foursome, having turned their attention to Football League management, each had to suffer bitter disappointment, as the other side of soccer reared its head.

Both Hurst and Ball were sacked from their manager's jobs at Chelsea and Blackpool respectively. While Peters and Stiles suffered the indignation of relegation with Sheffield United and Preston North End.

An ironic twist of fate? Or in a profession notoriously rife with outlandish quirks and

The one exception to the long tale of woe is, of course, Jack Charlton. Big Jack took Middlesbrough back into the First Division at the first attempt in 1973-74. Then later moved on to revive the sleeping giant of Sheffield Wednesday. Lifting them out of the Third Division in 1980. And until the final stages of last season, looked like restoring First Division status to Hillsborough, before their challenge faltered in the home straight, and Wednesday slipped from the hunt.

But despite Charlton's success,

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**1966 winners have
been losers
in the hot-seat**

set against the disappointments of the other seven, there is definite food for thought on the JINX theme.

On the face of it, Hurst has toppled from the greatest height. Although Chelsea haven't exactly been scaling any peaks in recent years under any manager — and there have been six of them at the club since 1974.

Geoff, who had been in charge of Telford, was taken to Stamford Bridge in the summer of 1979 by the man in possession at the time, Danny Blanchflower. And in October of that year took over the manager's chair when Blanchflower left, with the club occupying 18th position in the Second Division.

At the time Hurst said: "The potential here is marvellous. It's a great opportunity to start in League management. Obviously our aim is promotion, and if we do not achieve that within three years, we will consider that we have failed."

In fact, Hurst met with immediate success, and the side progressed steadily up the table to finish the season missing out on promotion by the slenderest of

superstitions, can it be that there really IS a World Cup jinx at work?

Skipper Bobby Moore, whose calm self-assurance and powers of leadership made him the number one tip in everybody's book to step easily and successfully into management, has mystifyingly yet to be given even the opportunity to sample life as a Football League boss. Until recently he was working in almost obscurity in the Berger Isthmian League with Oxford City.

Bobby Charlton, like Moore, respected throughout the game, was at least handed the reigns at Preston back in 1973. But he stayed only two years.

Experiencing relegation in the first, he vacated the manager's chair at the end of the second, on what was described as a 'matter of principal'.

BACK IN ACTION

The 1966 team were recently brought together to play the West Germany side they beat in the World Cup Final 4-2 at Wembley. The result before a crowd of 17,000 in Flensburg North-East Germany was 2-2. Beckenbauer and Overath scored for West Germany, Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton for England. The event, organised by Adidas the sports equipment company, was in aid of multiple sclerosis.

England's line-up right was: Harold Shepherdson, Nobby



margins — goal difference.

Last season Hurst and his assistant, Bobby Gould, looked like finishing the job they'd started, as Chelsea kept pace with the front runners. But a disastrous goal famine which began mid-way through January saw them gradually lose touch with those three promotion places.

Following a particularly sickening and embarrassing home defeat by relegation threatened Cardiff City on April 4th, Hurst finally admitted that the club looked to have blown their promotion chance yet again. And he went on to call on the Chelsea board to back him in another push next season.

Chairman Brian Mears' response was to say that they wanted Hurst

from Norwich the previous summer, as player-coach, with a written agreement that he would eventually take over as manager.

But illness to Harry Haslam, and United's worsening position, accelerated the elevation.

Peters relinquished all his on field duties, saying: "I shan't be playing any more. When you try to do both jobs, you fall between two stools."

On his arrival at Bramall Lane Martin had asked the United fans for patience, and not to expect miracles overnight.

"I've had no more than a dozen games outside the First Division in my entire first team soccer life," said Martin.

"So as far as my surroundings go, I'm going in at the deep end.

The supporters and other players will have to help me as much as they want to help them. But I'm a quick learner, and I'm certain I'll get to grips with things."

But the club lost its grip on Third Division status in a dramatic final home game. United needed to win or draw to push Walsall into the fourth relegation spot. Walsall needed to win to shove United over the cliff.

A 1-0 win for the Midlands club sealed United's fate.

In an equally dramatic finale, Nobby Stiles and his Preston side lost their fight to stay in Division Two, despite a battling 2-1 victory at Derby, because the same night fellow strugglers Cardiff City held on grimly for a 0-0 draw against Second Division

1966 World Cup hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst was sacked by Chelsea after failing to clinch promotion.

WORLD CUP FLOPS



Preston boss Nobby Stiles (above). Alan Ball (right) now back at Southampton after a spell as manager of Blackpool.

to honour his three year contract.

Just 18 days later he was sacked.

Alan Ball's demise came earlier in the season.

Ball, never one to shirk a challenge, went to Blackpool with open arms.

Sadly, the love affair didn't last a full season, and Alan became yet another statistic.

Ball left at the beginning of March, but the club's poor form continued, and later they were relegated to Division Four for the first time in their history.

Joining them, also for the first time, were Sheffield United, where Martin Peters had taken over the management of the club in January, 1981.

Peters had gone to Bramall Lane



Champions, West Ham.

Four years earlier Stiles had taken over at Deepdale, and hoisted the club into Division Two at his first attempt. Since then, though, it's fair to say they hadn't exactly set the soccer world alight. But despite the tough-guy image Stiles displayed in his playing days, as a manager he preached pure football.

"I may have been a hard player, but I was no hatchet man," insisted Nobby. "And I won't have that type of player at Preston."

Stiles stuck by his high principals of playing open, attacking soccer — and lost.

Reflecting on the situation Nobby said: "Everyone goes into this game with their eyes open. We all know the score. It's a game of ups and downs.

"Eighteen years ago I missed out on a Cup Final because of a pulled muscle. Three years later I won a World Cup winner's medal.

"Here I had the adulation when I took the side up — now I have experienced the other side of the coin. But that's how it goes."

And that's how it's gone for Stiles' other World Cup colleagues. But surely the men who gave English football their finest hour deserve better than this.

Let's hope that a new season will bring them all a much needed change in fortunes.



Bobby Moore and Uwe Seeler shake hands before the recent charity game. It finished 2-2, Franz Beckenbauer (right) scored for the Germans.



Stiles, Roger Hunt, Gordon Banks, George Cohen, Jackie Charlton. Front row: Martin Peters, Geoff Hurst, Bobby Moore, Alan Ball, Bobby Charlton. Ray Wilson's place was taken by Mike Summerbee. Banks and Cohen are in the picture but did not play. Their places were taken by Ron Springett and Keith Newton. Alf Ramsey was also unable to attend.

Here's what happened to some of the other 1966 heroes...

Roger Hunt: Left football to join his family's transport business.

Gordon Banks: Goalkeeping career cut tragically short by a car accident. Until recently was manager of Telford United.

George Cohen: Now in property development.

Ray Wilson: Undertaker.

THE SURVIVORS

Late runs saved them from the dreaded drop

Coventry backlash

COVENTRY City's season came to a premature end in a five-day spell in mid-February. A few weeks later it began again in earnest when relegation fears suddenly loomed, and it was not until the last week in April, after taking five points from three vital games, that the Coventry players were able to feel even vaguely comfortable once more.

That is the view of the Sky Blues' Republic of Ireland international, Gerry Daly, as he looked back on a Highfield Road season that at one stage promised so much and yet came so desperately close to becoming a disaster.

Daly pinpoints the five days that took in the second-leg of the League Cup Semi-Final against West Ham and the Fifth Round F.A. Cup tie at Tottenham as the turning point in a Coventry season that nearly hit the heights — and almost went through the bottom.

"Everything was going so well," he said. "It was a case of everybody thoroughly enjoying everything that was happening."

"We played West Ham at home in the first-leg of the League Cup Semi and fought back from a dreadful start to beat them 3-2. We were one game from Wembley and we even had the boost of starting that game with a one-goal lead. But then everything fell apart."

"But even after losing to West Ham at Upton Park and being knocked out of the League Cup, it wasn't too bad. We were all terribly disappointed, of course, but we were still in the F.A. Cup and

that helped to cheer us all up again.

"Looking back on it now, though, it seems obvious that the game at Spurs came too soon after our defeat at West Ham. We weren't really ready and lost that game as well. Within less than a week everything had gone."

"From being the great 'up-and-comings' Coventry had suddenly become just another in the long line of nearly-men and it hit the Sky Blues hard. And when that happens to a bunch of youngsters, you can imagine the reaction."

The Same

"But please don't think I'm blaming the young players only, because I am not. We were all the same. A sort of backlash set in and before we knew what was happening we were really in trouble and we were genuine relegation candidates."

"We all knew that we could play a bit but all of a sudden we found that we weren't doing it on the pitch as we should have been. We had slipped dramatically down the table and had to do something about it quickly. Our quality showed in that we were able to do just that."

"But I am very optimistic about next season."

"I'm looking forward to some hard pre-season training. It was sad to see Gordon Milne hand over the manager's job to Dave Sexton, but the fresh ideas should stand us in good stead."



Defeat in the League Cup Semi-Final signalled the beginning of the Coventry troubles for Gerry Daly (right).



Brighton boss Alan Mullery (below) expects more of Mark Lawrenson (above) next season.



Blame me —MULLERY

AFTER seeing Brighton win their last four matches and thus assure themselves of another season in the First Division, Brighton manager Alan Mullery is confident that 1981-82 will be a case of third time lucky for The Seagulls and predicts that next season they will realise their true potential.

"I know my players have the ability to do well," he stressed, "but what they lacked for much of last season was total commitment. I'm sure that after our victories against Palace, Leicester, Sunderland and Leeds we've learnt a few lessons and that next season we'll be adopting the death or glory attitude, which got us out of trouble, all the time."

But while Mullery is delighted that Brighton did win a second successive battle for First Division survival, he quickly concedes his disappointment that they were constantly among the struggling clubs.

"With players like Mark Lawrenson, Steve Foster and Michael Robinson it was ridiculous that we finished where we did."

"Before the season started I'd been thinking in terms of a place in the top half of the table — or even in the top six, which is why the team and I must take responsibility for what happened."

Mullery admits that even he felt that Brighton could have been relegated after successive defeats by Arsenal and Middlesbrough in the last month of the season.

These, coupled with the sacking of former Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst, helped link Mullery's name with the vacant managerial job at Stamford Bridge and quickly prompted Mike Bamber to offer Mullery fresh terms.

"If the worst had happened and we had gone down, which I thought was likely after the Middlesbrough defeat, I would have thought seriously about my future with Brighton."

"But I was never involved with any discussions for the Chelsea job."

"If I felt I couldn't do any more I'd walk out of the door tomorrow," he said.

"We need one or two experienced players and if I get the men I want I'd like to think we could reap the rewards of the last two seasons."

BECAUSE of Hungary's 1-0 home victory over Rumania in May, it doesn't mean England have lowered their sights and are now aiming at the second World Cup qualifying spot!

We fly in to Budapest airport determined to capture two points for a win to put us back on course to finish top of the Group. Only by doing that can we re-establish confidence in our team-work and also ensure we are "seeded", to give us a better chance of reaching the final stage in Spain in 1982.

There's no denying it was a setback when The Magyars beat Rumania. A draw would have suited our cause more, but it's bad policy relying on the results of other



wants to repay Ron, and it hurts us whenever we fail to deliver the goods. As we did in that 1-0 defeat by Scotland.

If we should fail to qualify for Spain, the responsibility will lie at our feet and not his!

We all realise how important it is to get a good result against Hungary. We dread a repetition of the situation England found themselves in in 1973 when to qualify for the 1974 World Cup in West Germany, we had to beat Poland in the final game at Wembley. Instead, we only managed a draw and the Poles went through.

We don't want our qualification for Spain to rest on beating Hungary

Trevor Francis heads England's third goal against Hungary in 1978.

'JOE, MY BIG RIVAL'

matches to boost England. We must succeed through our own efforts.

Our manager, Ron Greenwood, came back from the Hungary-Rumania game with the encouraging report that the Rumanians piled on the pressure in the second-half and had their opponents hanging on desperately. If there's one thing England are good at, it's forcing teams to fight with their backs against a wall.

Although a draw would be a satisfactory result, to play for it could be dangerous.

Fortunately we also know Hungary differ from most Iron Curtain sides, who tend to play a very set, regimented game, and find it difficult to change their style when the situation demands.

The Magyars possess the flair and individualism that first surfaced way back in 1953 when they dominated European football and inflicted heavy defeats on England, notably a 6-3 win, the first by a foreign side at Wembley.

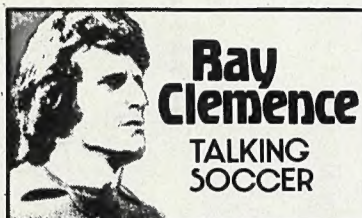
The last time we played Hungary, in 1978, we beat them 4-1 at Wembley — I was a spectator on the subs' bench — which was not a true test of their abilities because they were working up to the World Cup Finals, for which they had qualified, and still experimenting.

Liverpool have met one of their crack sides, Ferencvaros, on three occasions, the first in 1967, shortly after I joined, when they inflicted my club's first defeat at Anfield by a foreign team. Again I was a spectator, and our unfortunate 'keeper was Tommy Lawrence, my predecessor.

Before Saturday's game in the Nép Stadium, we'll be given a run-down on the Hungarians, with special emphasis on strengths and weaknesses.

Right now, I can only single out three star Hungarians. There's Toroksic, who can operate either in midfield or up-front, and can score goals.

He's partnered by Fazekas, an "ageless" veteran, who struck the winning goal against the Ruma-



nians. He plays League football with Royal Antwerp of Belgium.

Another who earns his wages in the same League is Balint, a big sweeper with Bruges, the team Liverpool beat in the UEFA Cup Final in 1976 and the European Cup Final in 1978.

But I'll learn more about them and their team-mates when Ron Greenwood holds a briefing meet-

ing closer to the game itself.

Ron has come in for a barrage of criticism following our recent disappointing run and it rankles with us. If there are any arrows to be thrown, players should be the targets.

As far as we're concerned, he has proved to be an ideal manager, treating us like professionals, not talking down to us, and allowing us complete freedom both on and off the field.

He's a forward-thinking, progressive manager who gets his point across to players without ever ranting or raving. He has our respect.

Every England player desperately

Man. City's Joe Corrigan makes another spectacular save at Wembley. This time from Spurs' Garth Crooks.

at Wembley in our last game!

Ron has yet to announce his line-up against Hungary, and I'm not taking the number one spot for granted simply because Peter Shilton has withdrawn from the squad for personal reasons.

I still have strong competition from Joe Corrigan who capped a marvellous season by being voted the best player in the F.A. Cup Final and the replay despite being on the eventual losing side.

Joe is a big rival — in more ways than one!



HUNGARY v ENGLAND...NEP STADIUM...BU

THERE'S a flurry of activity in the hotel as the Hungarian team return from their shopping expedition and prepare for lunch.

Some of the faces are familiar ones from the 1978 World Cup squad. The angular features of the talented Laszlo Fazekas. The tall elegance of Tibor Nyilasi. Rugged look-alikes Laszlo Balint and Jozsef Toth. Heavily-moustached goalkeeper Ferenc Meszaros.

And then there's a wealth of new, younger faces, Laszlo Kiss, for example, the Vasas Budapest striker who's a whisker ahead of Nyilasi at the top of the Hungarian (and European) scoring charts.

And Pecs Dozsa goalkeeper Bela Katzirz, whose physique makes him one of Hungary's possible answers to The Incredible Hulk.

There's no rigid uniform, though brown seems to be the keynote, in keeping with the regulation fawn trousers and brown blazer worn by the Hungarian officials.

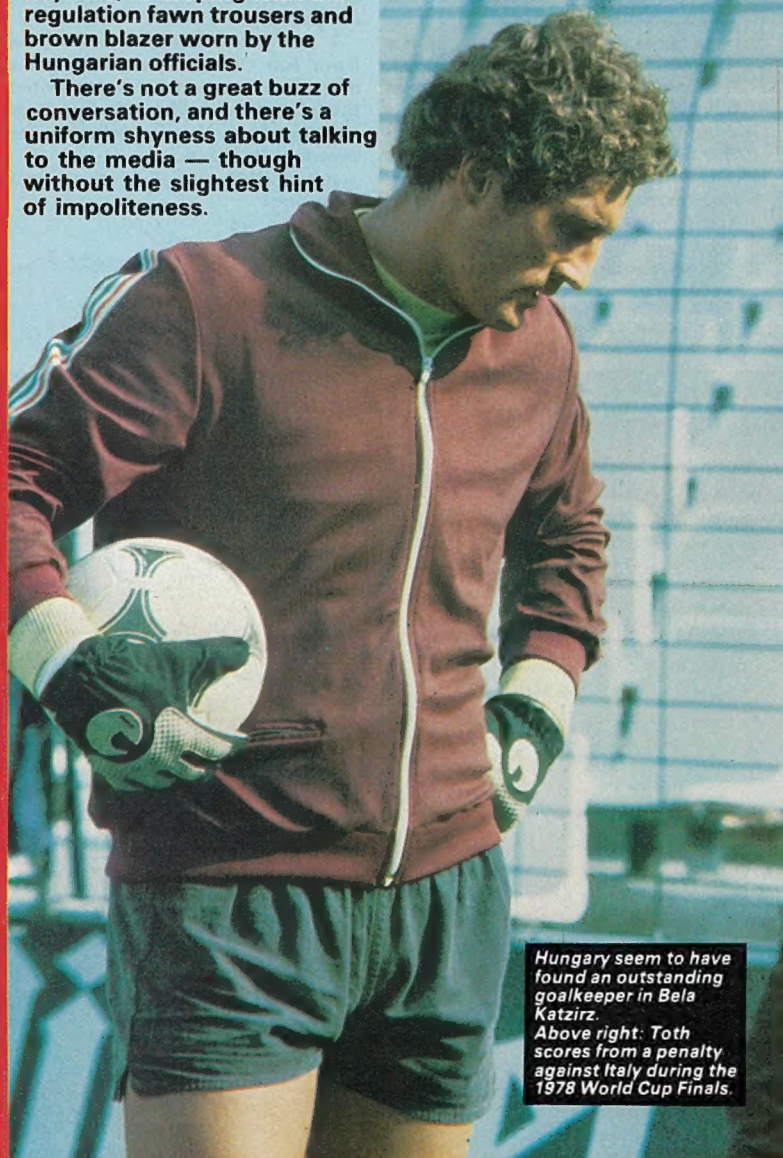
There's not a great buzz of conversation, and there's a uniform shyness about talking to the media — though without the slightest hint of impoliteness.



KALMAN MESZOLY

'England are certain to qualify'

—HUNGARY BOSS



Hungary seem to have found an outstanding goalkeeper in Bela Katzirz. Above right: Toth scores from a penalty against Italy during the 1978 World Cup Finals.



ON the other hand, Hungary's F.A. President Gyorgy Szepesi is generously open to dialogue. With a friendly tone, and in fluent English, he recalls having attended every Olympic Games since the War, plus that epic 6-3 Wembley win by the Hungarians in 1953 — and offers to act as interpreter should we wish to interview the Hungary team boss Kalman Meszoly.

"He's a good man. Young. Modern ideas. Played 61 times for Hungary, you know. He's been in charge since last September, and I think he's doing a good job."

The Hungary side that I saw in action certainly gave the impression that 40-year-old Meszoly is on the right track.

The gigantic Katzirz was outstanding between the posts. Balint and Toth played very well at the centre of the defence, while Gyeczce Martos and Imre Garaba performed man-to-man marking jobs on opposition strikers, leaving

the talented, balding Sandor Muller free to create from the back.

Jozsef Mucha played a solid role in midfield, with help from 'false' left winger Izso.

Skipper Tibor Nyilasi played an elegant Trevor Brooking role, while 33-year-old Laszlo Fazekas looked below par and a little slow on this occasion.

Up front the big danger was Laszlo Kiss who, if he isn't the greatest ball-player in the world, poses all sorts of problems with his spectacular sprinting and his flair for finding space, timing his runs to perfection and hitting the net regularly.

Laszlo Balint got our vote as Man of the Match in the dressing-rooms after the game.

Officials nodded. "He's a professional, you know. He plays in Belgium with F.C. Bruges. Fazekas and Muller are also there, playing for Antwerp. All the others are amateurs, because there's no professional football in Hungary, as

DAPEST...JUNE 6th.



Spain 0, Hungary 3 — the captains Luis Arconada and Tiber Nyilasi exchange pennants

you probably know."

Manager Kalman Meszoly is quick to admit that he felt obliged to recall his 'professionals' if Hungary were to have much chance of qualifying for next year's World Cup Finals in Spain.

Chunky, blond and affable, Meszoly re-caps on his nine months in charge of the national team.

"The results weren't at all good during our preparation games in Europe. Then, in South America

the climate was ideal; the opposition was ideal; everything was ideal... except the results!

"All right, if you look at it logically, the results weren't important — the important thing was for my young players to gain experience against international opposition.

"I decided to recall Fazekas, Balint and Muller from Belgium because I felt that I needed at least one man with a lot of international experience in each department of the team.

'Attack'

"Balint and Toth at the back. Muller and Nyilasi in midfield. Fazekas and Torocsik in attack."

Heads were shaken vigorously at the mention of the disciplinary problems surrounding Andras Torocsik — the talented 'George Best' of Hungarian football who pulled in star ratings during the 1978 World Cup.

"No, the problems were a long time ago, and that's all forgotten now. He isn't here now because he's had a rather serious thigh strain.

"Normally he'd be considered an automatic choice for our team, and we're hoping he has no more fitness problems during the World Cup campaign."

Meszoly talks decisively, cutting the air with his hands. And while the interpreter passes on his comments he breaks in to make sure that his ideas are being clearly communicated.

"Yes, I have got a clear idea of the team I want and how I want it to play. I've picked our squad for the World Cup qualifiers, and this is how it's going to stay — injuries permitting of course.

"The team you see here is the Hungary team, minus two forwards who are injured — Torocsik and Eskerhazy. My idea is to field as consistent a team as possible without making changes game after game."

I asked how the current team stands in relation to the superb attacking sides of yesteryear.

"Playing attacking football is difficult these days, and one must come to terms with the realities of the modern game. Also I feel that some European countries have

been ahead of us in terms of speed and physical fitness, and this is something we've been working on a great deal."

Meszoly grins when I remark that he doesn't seem too confident about Hungary's chances of qualifying for Spain.

"I suppose that everyone complains that *their* group is the most difficult, just as goalkeepers complain that the goal is too big and forwards say it's too small.

"England are certain to qualify. And I think the other place is between Rumania and ourselves. Of course I hope that Hungary will qualify, but let's just say that I'm not getting over-confident."

If anything, he seems over-confident about England qualifying...

"Well, you know, the Hungarian people have always had a lot of respect for English football, and it just doesn't occur to us that such a powerful footballing nation might not qualify.

"Maybe the reverse is also true — perhaps some people in England remember our great sides of the past and think that we are bound to qualify without too many problems.

'Valuable'

"England's results against Rumania have been very bad news for us, because they have given the Rumanians three very valuable points which we didn't honestly expect them to get.

"I find it difficult to understand why England aren't getting better results because they have some excellent players, and they are a team to be feared.

"After recent results in our group, you don't need me to tell you that our game against England in Budapest is very important.

"For both teams. But especially for us. We *must* win this one. And then, before we play the return match at Wembley we *must* have already clinched our place in Spain.

"What I don't want in any circumstances is to be obliged to win points against England at Wembley.

"I don't know if my team would be capable of doing that. In Budapest, with our full team and with a lot of support from our fans I'm confident we can win."

GRAHAM TURNER



Andras Torocsik — the 'George Best' of Hungary.



IMRE GARABA



LASZLO BALINT



LASZLO KISS



JOZSEF MUCHA

HUNGARY 1 WALES 2, Nep Stadium, Budapest

"SILENCE. Stunned, disbelieving silence from 60,000 people." That is the memory that John Mahoney has of Budapest's famous Nep stadium ... and if the same reaction is experienced by England in their World Cup match there, it will be very good news indeed!

"It will mean that they will have won — or be well on the way to doing so," says the 47-times capped midfield ace of Wales during the 1970's. It was his goal there in April, 1975 which produced one of the biggest sensations of post-War years.

It proved the winning moment of a European Championship triumph for Wales. In Hungary, it was a sensation very much on the same scale as that 6-3 win by the Magical Magyars at Wembley in 1953 to end England's supremacy against teams from overseas.

"I remember it being said afterwards that it had been 66 years without defeat for Hungary



Hungarian goalkeeper Meszar makes a full length save in the 1975 game that Swansea's John Mahoney (below) scored for Wales.

HOW WALES SILENCED THE HUNGARIAN ROAR

in their own country," recalls Mahoney. "All in all, not a bad moment for me to score my first international goal!

"We had gone one ahead with John Toshack steering in a cross; then I played this one-two with Brian Flynn. No one ran with me and I spotted their goalkeeper moving too early anticipating a shot for the corner. That gave me the time needed to chip over him and into the net.

'Silence'

"What followed was uncanny. No whistling, no applause. Nothing. There was about as much response as scoring a goal in a five-a-side training game. That silence is one of my most vivid memories in football. It was as if the Hungary crowd could not believe what they had just witnessed.

"There is no doubt, however, that playing an international in the Nep Stadium is one of the great experiences. It is in keeping with one of the loveliest cities in Europe: an elegant ground with statues — yet with all the facilities

that any professional could dream of.

"The pitch is superb and England will not have any complaint on that score. The surroundings, too, are of the highest standards: a magnificent athletic track around the pitch and an adjoining sports complex of perfect practice pitches and training aids.

"Playing in Budapest is different from anywhere else in Eastern Europe. First of all, the Hungarians demand flair from their players and that is an attitude in keeping with a country that seems far more liberal in attitudes than its Communist neighbours.

'Finest'

"Generally speaking, too, they will be more appreciative of your skills than crowds in other countries of that area. There are great traditions in Hungarian football and they all expect their national team to live up to the greatness of the finest Magyar sides.

"When their side is on top, the crowd provide tremendous



support. After my goal, which came around the 60th minute, we had to face massive pressure.

"Hungary pulled one goal back and then almost besieged us to save themselves with every voice in the ground behind them.

"They didn't manage it — but, once they got over the shock, they accepted defeat gracefully. They even serenaded us with a gypsy orchestra in our hotel that evening!

Force

"It will be very tough for England because they will be viewed in a very different light from us in 1975. The Hungarians look at England as the English look at Hungary — as a force in world football. Although we had beaten them in Cardiff six months earlier, I think they regarded that defeat as just a trip up along the way."

Mahoney, of course, is still making a history. He has just led Swansea City into the First Division for the first time ... but that goal in the spacious grandeur of the Nep Stadium remains as one of his greatest ever football memories. "Above all, it is a place to ENJOY playing the game," he adds.

But it must be admitted that England's prospects look bleak.



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IT IS 70 years since England last won in Hungary. In fact, the only England scorers there since those far-off days are Tilson and Broadis. The last time England were there was 21 years ago on a tour that included Johnny Haynes as captain for the first time.

They lost 2-0 in Budapest and also 3-0 in Spain on the same trip. England must hope they have won in Switzerland, for the five previous tours which have included a visit to Hungary have either been all-winning or all-losing.

Hungary are England's second oldest foreign opponents by four

ENGLAND'S POOR RECORD IN HUNGARY

days. In 1908 they went to Austria on June 6th and then on to Hungary.

The most memorable clashes against the magical Magyars came in the 1950's. In November, 1953 they thrashed England 6-3 at Wembley, while the following year England were humbled 7-1 in Budapest.

ENGLAND'S RECORD
IN HUNGARY 1908-60

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TREVOR Whymark has been rebuilding a career he thought was finished. The striker who scored so many thrilling goals for Ipswich has picked up the threads of his soccer career in the unlikely setting of Grimsby.

Whymark's potential and experience was a vital factor in the splendid run enjoyed by George Kerr's unfashionable side right to the end of the League season.

For Whymark, it's all been a fairytale ending to a nightmare.

"I went to the United States believing my career at the highest level was over," he admits.

"I'd had so much trouble with a knee ligament injury that I felt it was inevitable I would have to pack up.

"I went to Vancouver Whitecaps trying to buy time, but I always had the fear in the back of my mind that my career could end anytime."

But remarkably, such fears have been dispelled for Grimsby's new striker. And Whymark has made such a startling recovery that he says confidently: "I don't see any reason why I shouldn't get back the form I

seem to be able to put the ball in the net and everyone was wondering how they would avoid relegation back to Division Three.

"But far from that, they suddenly got it right and nearly made it to the First Division.

"Grimsby seem to have been proving people wrong for some time. Folk said they wouldn't survive in the Third Division when they came up from the Fourth, yet they won promotion at the first attempt. And the story of this last season in Division Two is well enough known.

"Grimsby's secret probably revolves around hard work. We have some skilful players but we all work for one another, and that's the reason the side did so well. The team knows its strengths and weaknesses and the players have played together for some seasons. That shows in our play."

Who knows what the future holds for Grimsby and Whymark. But one thing is certain — Trevor Whymark, his career intact after all had seemed lost, is happy in his new job.

"I owe Grimsby a lot for giving me a chance back in England."

WHYMARK CHASES HIS IPSWICH FORM

showed in my Ipswich days.

"I'm 30 now and I reckon I could have two good years to come. I enjoyed my football enormously last season and Grimsby, quite contrary to general belief, is a nice place to live.

"I feel I can score many more goals for Grimsby next season. And I certainly see no reason why I shouldn't get back to my best Ipswich form.

"Regrets? I don't harbour any grudges, if that's what you mean, towards Ipswich. They wanted to sell me because they thought they had probably seen the best of me. I couldn't disagree with that because I thought the same."

Grimsby's startling revival in the latter half of the past season surprised everyone.

"When they came in for me, they were fourth from bottom of the table," he said. "They didn't

Grimsby's manager George Kerr



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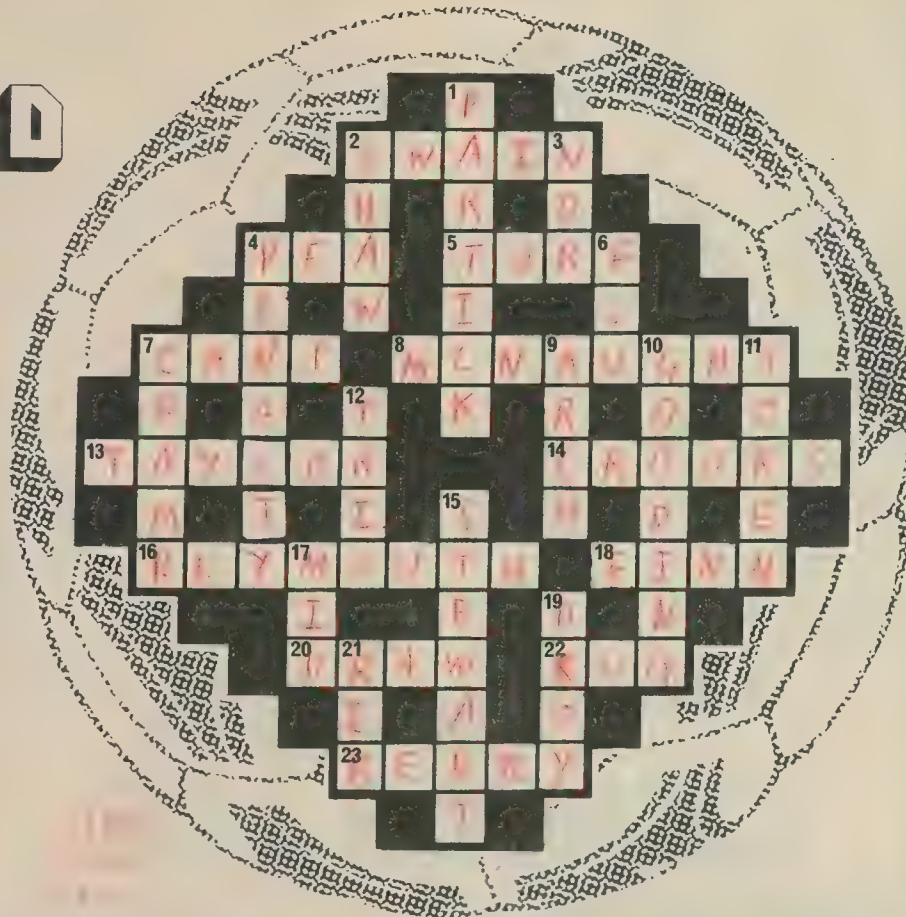
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 (14) Garth —, Spurs striker. (8)
 (16) Home town of "The Pilgrims". (8)
 (18) — Harps; League of Ireland club. (4)
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 (23) George —, Wolves defender. (5)

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 (2) Gary —, Aston Villa striker. (4)
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 (9) Rob Hindm---- of Sunderland. (4)
 (10) Ray —, Coventry City player. (7)
 (11) Keepsake. (5)
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 (15) Jim —, Rangers goalkeeper. (7)
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YOUR FIRST CATCH OF THE SEASON

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FROM the ashes of a season which has dismayed football folk throughout the world, Manchester United believe they have unearthed a diamond to sparkle in their future.

They've given a young man an almost impossible burden to carry through the next few, crucial years of his career. But the fact that Dublin-born Kevin Moran is still a mere novice in terms of First Division experience matters little.

Moran, now aged 25, won an astonishing tribute from ex-manager Dave Sexton, as United's

KEVIN MORAN

United's strongest since

DUNCAN EDWARDS



The late great Duncan Edwards.

season of despair drew towards a close.

Sexton, speaking of the young man who started the season as a central defender but finished it as a fine midfielder, said: "Kevin Moran is United's strongest player since Duncan Edwards."

In a city which draws breath only after its footballing superstars have taken their daily intake, such a statement is a major gamble. Moran could buckle under the pressure; he could become known forever as the youngster who never lived up to the great expectations.

It's a frightening tag to pin to a young man's shoulders. It's even worse to hear other observers claiming that Moran is Manchester United's best ball-winner since Nobby Stiles. That, too, is probably a wild exaggeration, a cruel sentence for the youngster to live with.

But Manchester has been nothing if it hasn't been a hotbed of football interest and discussion. The game fairly sizzles with expectancy within the city areas which encompass Old Trafford and Maine Road.

George Best, Rodney Marsh, Duncan Edwards, Colin Bell—they have all had to learn to live in the pressure cooker atmosphere.

Perhaps only Manchester United, so aware of past glories but present failings, could dismiss

a manager who had just led his team to an unbeaten run of nine matches. Such a move emphasises the astonishing pressures inherent with this footballing city.

Moran, however, seems remarkably unconcerned about the pressures. He says: "I think the manager at the time must have been referring to my strength alone. I haven't got the skill of Edwards and I never will have. But I take it as a compliment to be mentioned in the same breath as Duncan Edwards."

"I've also heard people liken me to Nobby Stiles. Maybe that is because of my tackling; it is my strongest point. I'm not big but I do have strength and stamina. And I think it's probable that my strength helped stiffen our midfield when I moved forward from centre-back."

Moran still isn't certain which position he prefers. "You are far more involved in midfield, because you are going forward in attack and getting back to help defend. It's probably a little easier at the back; you have more time to read the game. But I like the hard work and challenge in midfield."

"I would think my position may be in the balance now Sexton has gone. Before that, I was pretty sure I'd stay in midfield. But you never know what a new man will think. He may have his own ideas."

Moran, curiously enough, started his career with United as a full-back. He moved to centre-back and then on to midfield, although early season injuries to central defenders Martin Buchan and Gordon McQueen meant he was badly needed in the heart of the defence.

But he had played midfield before he moved into the position midway through the season. "I played for a Dublin club as a midfielder even before I joined United," he said.

Moran still plays centre-back for the Republic of Ireland, but he insists: "There is no clash of interests. I don't see any problem in switching from one position to the other. I'm sure playing for Eire has helped me develop and be good enough to play first team football for United."

At 25, Kevin Moran is no overnight success in terms of his overall career. But the tributes he earned, and the way he gave United a new dimension in the final games of last season, proved what a remarkable 1980/81 campaign he had enjoyed.



ALL THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS FOR 1980-81

PREMIER DIVISION		ABERDEEN	AIRDRIE	CELTIC	DUNDEE UTD	HEARTS	KILMARNOCK	MORTON	PARTICK TH	RANGERS	ST MIRREN
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Partick's Alex O'Hara (above, stripes) narrowly misses with a header against Airdrie. Motherwell (below, plain shirts) on the attack against East Stirling.



FIRST DIVISION		AYR UTD	BERWICK	CLYDEBANK	DUMBARTON	DUNDEE	DUNFERMLINE	E STIRLING	FALKIRK	HAMILTON	HIBERNIAN	MOTHERWELL	RAITH ROVERS	STIRLING A	ST JOHNSTONE
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DERBY County's name would have been written on the European Cup if Brian Clough had stayed at the Baseball Ground! That's the firm belief of Derby veteran Roy McFarland as he surveys a 14-year spell with the Midlands club.

McFarland closed the book on a long and successful career at County when the season ended in May. The future for one of England's most talented central defenders remains uncertain, with McFarland open to offers on a possible management or coaching career.

"I'd like to play on for a couple of years yet," says McFarland. "But whether that will be with an American or English club, I don't yet know. But it is the end of my career at Derby."

McFarland is convinced of one thing — had Brian Clough stayed with Derby County, he would have led the club to success at home and in Europe for many years. And that intriguing thought will tantalise all true Rams fans, as they cast their minds back to the turmoil which led to Clough's departure from the Baseball Ground.

McFarland says: "The team felt that it could achieve anything at

that time with Brian Clough in charge. We had won one League Championship title and felt sure that was the first of several. We had reached the Semi-Final of the European Cup, and the future looked tremendous.

"It's always easy, of course, to look back and say what might have happened. But I cannot see any reason why, if Brian had stayed, it would not have been Derby County's name on two European Cups, instead of Nottingham Forest. In fact, we might have done even better, for we had some tremendous players at that time.

"I'm sure we would have been more successful if Brian had stayed. His record proves that, through what he's done at Forest."

McFarland, however, doesn't look back with sadness or bitterness. He says: "I stayed at Derby 14 years because I wanted to. I enjoyed all my time with the club."

McFarland's greatest satisfaction is the fact that his career was able to continue after his serious Achilles tendon injury. "I feel very fortunate that from 1974, I managed to come back and earn a living," he says. "It could have been the end of my career."

"Everything in the last few years tended to be linked to the Achilles tendon injuries."

McFarland won 28 England caps, but knows that number could have been doubled but for injuries.

"But it could have been 28 less," he says. "It's nice to play once for your country let alone 28 times. I'm grateful for what I've had from the game."

"I played in two Championship teams, and won promotion from the Second Division to the First. All high spots in my career. But it wouldn't take me long to remember all about the worst moment in my time at Derby."

"Losing the 1977 F.A. Cup Semi-Final to Tommy Docherty's young, inexperienced Manchester United side, was a shattering blow to

Derby County. We felt we could win the Cup that year and were too cocky for the Semi-Final. In the event, we didn't play on the day and ended up so disappointed that it took months to get over. Some players never really recovered from such a demoralising setback."

Curiously, McFarland didn't find leaving Derby much of a wrench. "I had a good run there, and left without bitterness. That was important but besides, 14 years is a long time to spend at one club, and although you feel a tie, there is a sense of adventure at the future holding something different for you."

"As for the future, I can only say I wish I'd been leaving after helping Derby into the First Division."

"But I feel if the club puts its future in a youth policy, it will come back. Perhaps the young players can help the club win promotion next season."

English football, without Roy McFarland, won't seem quite the same.

ROY McFARLAND, who ended his fine career at the Baseball Ground recently, is certain . . .

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Two youngsters aiming for the top



Heath no longer Stoke's mystery man

ADRIAN Heath left school at the age of 16 and joined Stoke City as an apprentice. Four years later he picked up his first England cap and many people outside the Potteries said: "Adrian who?"

Heath answered that question in the best possible way. He scored two of the goals that helped England Under-21's to a comfortable victory over Rumania and became a name overnight.

Born in Newcastle-under-Lyme 20 years ago, it was only natural that Heath's love of football would see him gravitate towards Stoke City, whose Victoria Ground is barely two miles away.

He played in various Stoke youth teams from the age of 14. When he left school and was offered apprentice forms, he readily accepted. And he has never had the slightest tinge of regret at doing so.

"I think I have been extremely lucky being with Stoke, for I feel that I was given my chance here a lot earlier than might have been the case elsewhere," he says.

"Winning that Under-21 cap for England was a great boost, not only for me but the club as well. It means we have now had three players in the England Under-21 side in the last two seasons, and that kind of recognition helps a club like Stoke a great deal."

Heath made his first team debut at the age of 17, a year before he signed full professional forms, and has noticed a growing change in the way he is expected to perform on the field these days.

"I was originally playing in the centre of midfield but because of

injuries to other players, loss of form and one thing and another I found that I had to adapt my style to suit the individual circumstances and have now played in quite a few different positions.

"I think my best position is just behind the front two — that's where I seem to be most effective. Everybody keeps telling me that I can play up front, but I must admit I still have plenty of reservations about that.

"Although Stoke have lost a couple of experienced players, we have gained a lot of enthusiasm. If we can keep playing the way we did at the end of the season, and perhaps sign another couple of players, I believe we can go on to shake a lot of people in 1981-82.

'Greatest'

"Looking at my personal ambitions, I would naturally like to continue my England career and hopefully go on to win a full cap eventually. Playing for the Under-21's certainly provided me with the greatest day of my life so far.

"Lining up with all the other players with the National Anthem playing was an unbelievable experience."

But if football is Heath's first love, Stoke City is certainly his second.

"I owe Stoke a great deal," he said. "They gave me the chance I needed and I will always be grateful to them for that. I like it here. It's a fine club and I am very happy."

THEY'RE both 5ft 6ins battlers, they both like to go forward from midfield and take on the best in the business. Reputations mean there the similarities end. Ossie Ardiles comes from Cordoba in Argentina, Garry Brooke from unfashionable Bethnal Green, in the heart of London's East End.

Ardiles is a master of the game, a world class player. Brooke is a precocious kid with no reputation or name outside White Hart Lane. Yet the unthinkable happened late last season.

Brooke began to take the little Argentine star's place in Tottenham's midfield.

Young Garry Brooke came on for Ardiles in half a dozen games. With Ardiles out of touch, Brooke added commitment, pace and goalscoring power to the side.

And although he couldn't oust the little Argentinian from the side altogether, Brooke completed an unusual 'double' when he came on to replace the other South American, Ricky Villa, in the 2-2 F.A. Cup Final draw at Wembley.

Brooke thanks the unlikely combination of Arsenal's unimaginative

season.

"I learned a lot over there," says Brooke. "I think the club sent me there to bring me out a bit and it worked. The football was very defensive and in a way that was useful, because it sharpened me up in terms of breaking down defences.

grown up as a person. It undoubtedly helped my career."

Happily, Brooke retains a realistic appraisal of his own progress. "People said Ossie Ardiles might get dropped and I'd get his place. But that was rubbish and I knew it.

"I am just happy and the F.A. Cup win was the icing on the cake. I've learned a lot and I'm content to wait for my chance and learn the game gradually.

"Now I must accept my defensive duties and carry them out to greater effect," he says. "I'd attack all the time if I could but I know I must learn to do some work in defence. Glenn Hoddle did it, so I certainly must. If I do that, maybe I'll persuade the boss to give me a regular place in the side."

Brooke battling for Ossie's place

training system for youngsters, plus a Swedish Second Division team, for his meteoric rise.

But for Brooke's unsuccessful flirtation with life at Highbury and the valuable experience he gained in Sweden last summer, it's pretty unlikely Tottenham would have seen their young player make such rapid strides.

He started life with Arsenal as a 13-year-old. But he says: "Although I trained with them for a year, I left and went to Spurs.

"I was only a kid at Arsenal, just wanting to play football. But all they ever gave us to do was sheer physical work. We never saw a ball during training sessions there.

"They concentrated on running and gym work all the time. Quite a few of the kids who were there at the time left with me. They didn't like it any more than I did, and it

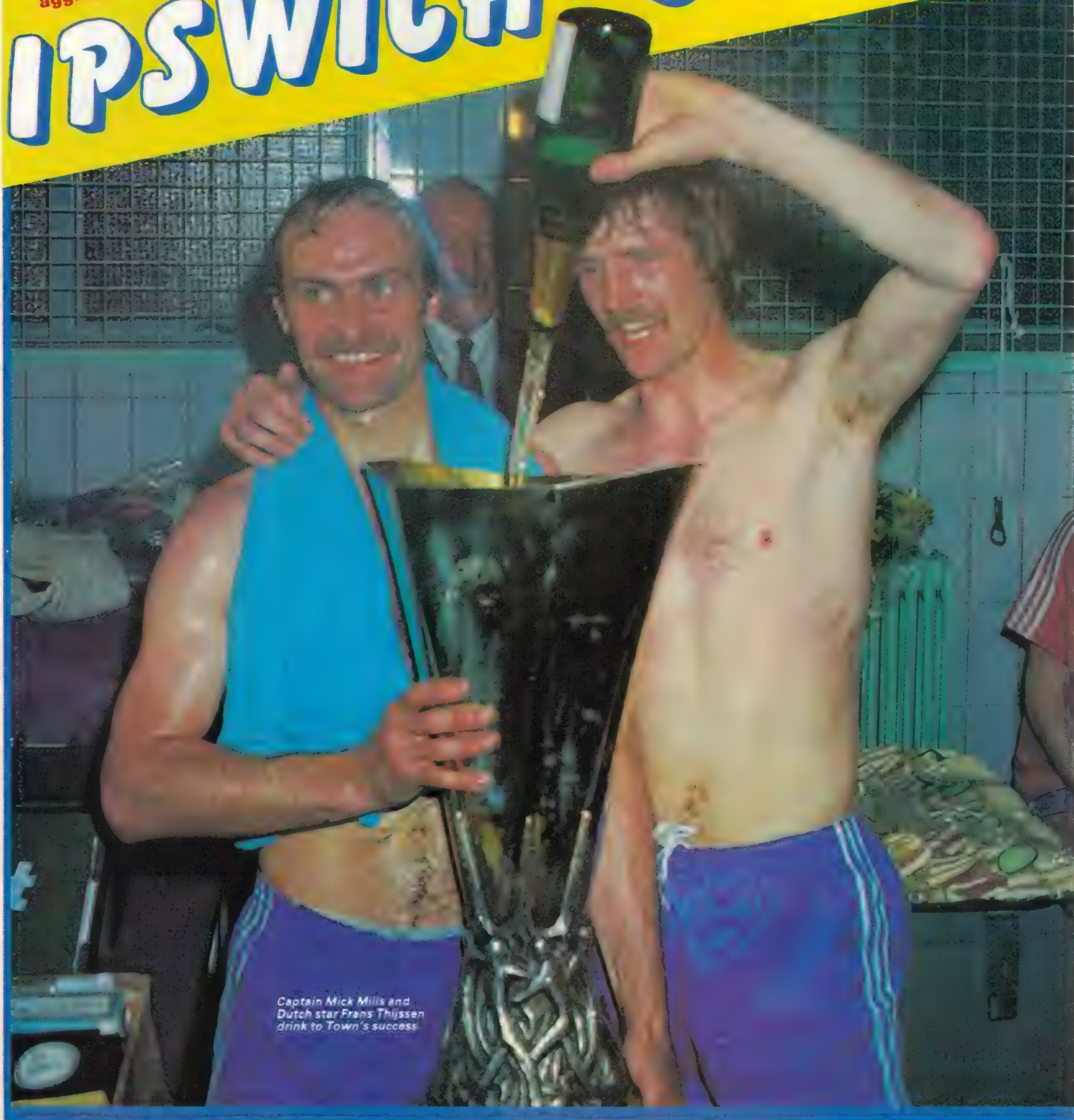
The Swedish club came into Brooke's life during the summer of 1980. Tottenham decided the experience of living abroad and fending for himself would benefit their young Cockney hopeful.

They had tried the idea before with some of their kids and found the plan worked. So Brooke was packed off together with another Spurs young hopeful, Dean Mooney, and the two shared a flat in Gothenburg for the Swedish



IPSWICH finally won the trophy their superb soccer throughout 1980/81 deserved . . . although in the end they made their fans bite their fingernails. Taking a 3-0 lead to Amsterdam in the UEFA Cup Final, they found AZ '67 in a determined mood, but Ipswich hung-on to win 5-4 on aggregate.

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This goal by John Wark, his 14th in the UEFA Cup, equalised Ipswich's 18-year goal record against AZ.

SHOOT!

Tomaszewski recall

JAN TOMASZEWSKI was recalled to the Polish side after an absence of three years and helped the Poles to an important 1-0 win over East Germany in a World Cup qualifying tie. 'Tomek' will leave his Belgian club Beerschot at the end of the season to become player-coach of LKS Lodz, whom Ipswich beat in this season's UEFA Cup.

TARANTINI PUZZLED

ARGENTINE international Alberto Tarantini (below) recently talked about his spell with Birmingham City in a magazine interview.

He admits that his form was below par, but adds: "I could never settle down, because they had a strange attitude. The players used to go out drinking after matches, even if we'd lost — which was most of the time. I could never understand why, with 40,000 fans in the stands, the results never seemed to be all that important to the players."



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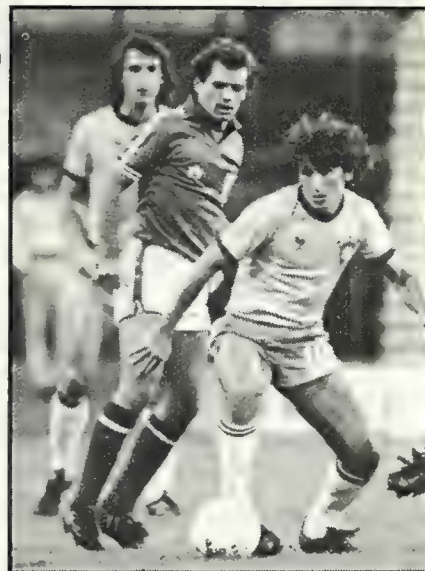
"I believe in the right of the individual," he says. "A professional footballer is no different from anyone else. If a player can better himself by moving abroad it would be wrong of me to stand in his way."

"Also, I could not guarantee any player a place in our World Cup squad."

A chilling thought when you realise just how many great players Brazil have. Meanwhile, Zico (seen here in action at Wembley) has still not re-signed with his club Flamengo. He has stated categorically that he will not re-sign unless Flamengo can come up with a contract worth at least that which is being offered to Zico by the Italian Club AC Milan, which is worth £1 million.

Flamengo, unable to match this amount from club funds, are endeavouring to put together a sponsorship proposal which includes a consortium of five local and multi-national companies, which would guarantee Zico's financial requirements, in addition to lifting the heavy burden of his present contractual obligations with the club.

If the deal comes off, in effect Zico would play for Flamengo free, only receiving from the club the normal win bonuses, his signing-on fee and salary being paid by the consortium.



ALFREDO SAYS NO

INDEPENDIENTE boss 'Gypsy' Juárez became the first managerial casualty of the Argentine season when he parted company with the Avellaneda club after just half a dozen games.

Independiente had got off to a miserable start, and were second from bottom in the League table when Juárez threw in the towel.

The club immediately approached Alfredo di Stéfano in a bid to find a top-class replacement, but the ex-Real Madrid ace turned them down, arguing that he didn't want to uproot his family from their Madrid home.



Brazil players 'poorly paid'

A RECENT survey carried out by the Brazilian magazine *Placar* revealed that the professional footballer in Brazil is poorly paid in comparison with his European counterpart.

The magazine quotes Zico (28-years-old — Flamengo) earning £700 per month; Sócrates (27 — Corinthians) £650; Reinaldo (24 — Atlético Mineiro) £650; and Leão (31 — Grêmio) £600 as the top paid players.

They then go on to show the top European stars salaries — Schuster (21 — Barcelona) £2,000 per month; Krol (32 — Napoli) £2,000; Beckenbauer (35 — Hamburg) £1,800; Rummenigge (25 — Bayern) £1,400 and Simonsen (28 — Barcelona) £1,400.

STIELIKE TOPS BUT LOSES OUT

SPAIN'S oldest sports paper *Mundo Deportivo* has published its annual ranking, based on match ratings throughout the League campaign.

The top ten reads: 1. Gordillo (Betis) 128pts. 2. Simonsen (Barcelona) 125. 3. Camacho (Real Madrid), Jiménez (Gijón) 124. 5. Alonso (R. Sociedad) 120. 6. Arconada (R. Sociedad) 119. 7. R. Martínez (Español) 118. 8. Bujo (Sevilla) 117. 9. Alonso (Zaragoza), Uriá (Gijón) 116.

Mind you, *Mundo's* system of simply adding up points penalises any player who misses a few matches.

So the player with the highest average rating throughout the season was Real Madrid's West German midfielder Uli Stielike, streets ahead of his rivals.

Laurie Cunningham, with only 12 League appearances, was obviously going to finish way down the chart (in 223rd place, to be precise), but his average rating of 3.909 puts him in second place behind his team-mate Stielike!

PELE has turned down an unusual offer from a fan. A dentist offered to treat the Brazilian free of charge for the rest of his life if Pele allowed him to keep any teeth he had to have out.

WEST GERMANY

	TOTAL						HOME						AWAY								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bayern Munich	30	18	9	3	71:38	+33	45	15	11	4	0	46:16	26	4	15	7	5	3	25:22	19	19
Hamburger SV	30	20	5	5	69:38	+31	45	15	13	2	0	39:13	28	2	15	7	3	5	30:25	17	17
VfB Stuttgart	30	16	7	7	62:41	+21	39	15	13	1	1	41:18	27	3	15	3	6	6	21:23	12	12
1. FC Kaiserslautern	30	14	9	7	54:36	+18	37	15	11	3	1	36:17	25	5	15	3	6	6	18:19	12	12
Eintr. Frankfurt	30	13	10	7	55:42	+13	36	15	10	5	0	35:14	25	5	15	3	5	7	20:28	11	11
VfL Bochum	30	9	14	7	51:38	+13	32	15	5	7	3	24:17	17	13	15	4	7	4	27:21	15	15
Borussia Dortmund	30	12	7	11	62:53	+9	31	15	9	5	1	45:25	23	7	15	3	2	10	17:28	8	8
1. FC Cologne	30	11	9	10	49:47	+2	31	15	8	4	3	32:18	20	10	15	3	5	7	17:29	11	11
Bor. M'gladbach	30	12	7	11	53:56	-3	31	15	9	4	2	32:23	22	28	15	3	9	9	21:33	9	9
MSV Duisburg	30	9	9	12	37:49	-12	27	15	7	4	4	23:19	18	12	15	2	5	8	14:30	9	9
Karlsruher SC	30	7	13	10	42:56	-14	27	14	6	7	1	22:13	19	9	16	1	6	9	20:43	8	8
Bayer Leverkusen	30	8	9	13	45:49	-4	25	15	8	4	3	31:16	20	10	15	0	5	10	14:33	5	5
Fort. Düsseldorf	30	9	7	14	52:57	-5	25	15	7	5	3	32:23	19	11	15	2	2	11	20:34	6	6
1860 Munich	30	8	6	16	45:58	-13	22	15	6	4	5	26:24	16	14	15	2	2	11	19:34	6	6
1. FC Nürnberg	30	9	4	17	41:54	-13	22	15	6	2	7	20:20	14	16	15	3	2	10	21:34	8	8
Arm. Bielefeld	30	8	6	16	42:61	-19	22	15	7	3	5	26:23	17	13	15	1	3	11	16:38	5	5
FC Schalke 04	30	8	6	16	40:78	-38	22	15	6	4	5	23:31	16	14	15	2	2	11	17:47	6	6
Bayer Uerdingen	30	8	5	17	44:63	-19	21	16	8	3	5	28:23	19	13	14	0	2	12	16:40	2	2

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AZ '67	29	24	4	1	87	25	52
Utrecht	30	17	8	5	62	29	42
Feyenoord	30	16	8	6	60	37	40
Ajax	29	18	4	7	76	48	40
PSV	30	16	8	6	56	25	40
Twente	30	15	7	8	54	38	37
MVV	30	11	8	11	45	56	30
Sparta	30	12	5	13	61	66	29
Willem II	30	11	6	13	44	55	28
PEC	30	8	9	13	31	41	25
Roda	30	8	8	14	57	64	24
Go Ahead	30	9	6	15	52	62	24
Den Haag	30	11	1	18	43	69	23
NAC	29	6	9	14	37	56	21
Groningen	29	6	9	14	41	59	21
Wageningen	30	6	8	16	32	58	20
NEC	30	4	12	14	30	59	20
Excelsior	30	5	10	15	35	56	20

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	A	F	APts
R. Sociedad.....	34	13	3	1	6	4	7 52 29 45
Real Madrid	34	15	1	1	5	4	8 66 37 45
At. Madrid	34	11	4	2	5	6	6 46 39 42
Valencia	34	12	4	1	5	4	8 59 41 42
Barcelona.....	34	13	1	3	5	4	8 67 41 41
Betis	34	10	5	2	7	1	9 55 38 40
Gijón	34	12	4	1	2	6	9 58 40 38
Sevilla	34	12	5	0	2	4	10 34 42 37
Ath. Bilbao.....	34	10	3	4	4	4	9 64 53 35
Español	34	10	5	2	4	1	12 37 44 34
Osasuna	34	11	2	4	1	6	10 35 46 32
Valladolid	34	8	5	4	1	8	8 40 46 31
Hércules	34	6	5	6	4	5	8 42 48 30
Zaragoza	34	6	5	6	3	6	8 31 44 29
Las Palmas.....	34	6	3	8	6	1	10 47 61 28
Murcia	34	5	6	6	3	6	1 35 49 23
Salamanca.....	34	7	3	7	0	4	13 32 67 21
Almería	34	6	6	5	0	1	16 30 66 19

STATE OF THE LEAGUES



Rummenigge celebrates another Bayern Munich goal.

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	28	15	10	3	44	15	40
Roma	28	14	11	3	41	19	39
Napoli	28	14	10	4	30	18	38
Inter	28	13	7	8	38	23	33
Florentina	28	8	14	6	26	30	30
Bologna	28	11	11	6	31	25	28
Catanzaro	28	6	16	6	23	25	28
Cagliari	28	6	14	8	24	28	26
Torino	28	8	9	11	26	25	25
Ascoli	28	7	10	11	17	32	24
Avellino	28	10	8	10	35	32	23
Como	28	7	9	12	23	31	23
Brescia	28	3	16	9	18	25	22
Udinese	28	3	16	9	22	38	22
Pistoiese	28	6	4	17	18	42	16
Perugia	28	4	13	11	16	28	16

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saint-Etienne	33	20	9	4	60	22	49
Nantes	34	20	9	5	66	32	49
Bordeaux	34	17	11	6	51	31	45
Monaco	34	17	10	7	55	39	44
Paris-S-G.	34	16	9	9	54	43	41
Lyon	34	14	11	9	67	48	39
Strasbourg	34	13	9	12	40	44	35
Metz	34	10	14	10	42	45	34
Nancy	34	13	6	15	44	45	32
Auxerre	34	9	14	11	43	49	32
Valenciennes	34	10	12	12	47	58	32
Sochaux	33	9	13	11	44	48	31
Lens	34	8	14	12	36	42	30
Lille	34	9	11	14	48	60	29
Bastia	34	11	7	16	41	53	29
Tours	34	8	13	13	50	63	29
Laval	34	9	9	16	45	50	27
Nice	34	8	11	15	44	59	27
Nîmes	34	6	10	18	40	60	22
Angers	34	5	2	17	31	57	22

BARCELONA GET THEIR MAN

BARCELONA'S signing of West Germany's top manager Udo Lattek (World Wide last week) was a real stop-go affair.

At first the Borussia Dortmund boss agreed terms with Barcelona, and the deal was on.

Then the Borussia board insisted on compensation, and the deal was off.

Then Barcelona offered to pay a certain amount of compensation, and the deal was on.

Then Lattek had second thoughts about joining a club that's run through five managers in the last three years, and the deal was off. The Barcelona sent a squad of directors to Germany to persuade Lattek to change his mind; they succeeded, and the deal was back on.

In fact the German's two-year contract with the Catalan club will net him £120,000 a year, plus £850 a month salary, plus bonuses.

News flashes

Borussia Dortmund have had very good experiences with acupuncture for players with knee and ankle injuries. They send them all to Dr Augusto Cruz, based in Aachen, but originating in Costa Rica, where he learnt the skills required.

Switzerland's new boss Paul Wolfisberg, acting manager for four months got off to a fine start with the 1-0 away win over Czechoslovakia, only the second Swiss away win in five years. He is a very busy man, manager-coach of FC Lucerne and chasing around watching foreign-based Swiss stars.

Greek League leaders Olympiakos (Piraeus) could only draw 1-1 away to

Yannine and an interesting side-light to the game was the fact that both clubs are managed by former bosses of Poland's national team, Kazimierz Gorski for Olympiakos and his successor in Poland Jacek Gmoch.

Austrian Champions FK Austria Memphis (Vienna) have faltered in their current title bid, overhauled by Sturm Graz and Erich Hof the manager has been axed. For the third time in two years Joschi Walter, one time Austrian national team boss has taken over.

Rot Weiss Oberhausen are currently 16th in the 22 club Bundesliga II North but chairman Hermann Schultz is very ambitious. He is making available £1½ million for new players for next season, out of his own pocket.

Johnny Rep, who as not been a regular choice for St Etienne this season has agreed terms for next season with Servette (Geneva), but would prefer to stay amongst the full-time professionals and will only go to Switzerland if he gets no offers from top clubs.

Horst Hrubesch, the German international centre forward of Hamburger SV, has bought a racehorse and called it Die Ungeheuer . . . in English, the Monster.

Our correspondent in Belgium, Danny Geerts, has helped the Republic of Ireland's World Cup bid.

Eire manager Eoin Hand wanted a video of the Holland/France game for him to study, but was unable to obtain one . . . until Danny stepped in to oblige.

ADIDAS GOLDEN SHOE AWARD . . . EUROPE'S TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

	GOALS	GAMES
BURGMULLER (Dortmund).....	26	30
SZARMACH (Stad. Auxerre).....	26	31
KISS (Vasas).....	25	29
NYILASI (Ferencváros).....	25	29
VAN DEN BERGH (Lierse).....	24	32
DAVIS (Athlone).....	23	30
RADOVIC (Rijeka).....	22	27
LARSEN (Lokeren).....	22	33
RUMMENIGGE (Bayern).....	22	30
ONNIS (Tours).....	22	34
McGARVEY (Celtic).....	22	36
BRYLLE (Anderlecht).....	21	33
ARCHIBALD (Tottenham).....	20	42
WITHE (Aston Villa).....	20	42
NIKOLIC (Lyon).....	20	34
QUINI (Barcelona).....	20	34
KRAUSE (Laval).....	20	34
MAY (Niedercorn).....	20	18
ALBERT (Beveren).....	19	33
ROBINSON (Brighton).....	19	42
JUANITO (Real Madrid).....	19	34
FASHANU (Norwich).....	19	42
SCHAPENDONK (MVV).....	19	30
BRADLEY (Sligo).....	18	30
V. TROSSERO (Monaco).....	18	34
STREICH (Magdeburg).....	18	23
SHAW (Aston Villa).....	18	42
TOL (AZ'67).....	18	30
GEELS (Sparta).....	18	30

● The African World Cup section is down to the last five. Morocco and Cameroon will play-off on a home and away basis, with the winner going through. John Chiedozi's Nigeria will meet either Algeria or Niger.



One of Wark's 14 Euro goals — a header against Cologne.

PLAYERS' Player of the Year John Wark has been chosen as the best young player in Europe by a panel of journalists.

The award, Bravo 81, is organised by our colleagues on the Italian magazine *Guerin Sportivo*. After each round of European games, journalists throughout Europe (I'm the British representative) give marks for the three outstanding performers of the night, who are 24 or under.

With 14 UEFA Cup goals to his credit, equalling Jose Altafini's 1962/63 Euro record, John was the natural winner, following Garry Birtles and Jimmy Case.

He says: "After helping Town to win the UEFA Cup this is a real bonus." John and his wife Toula will spend two weeks in Italy when they collect the award.

Small wonder John says he wouldn't mind playing in Europe every week!



YOU ARE THE REF

Compiled by CLIVE THOMAS

1

From a goal-kick, the ball is passed towards a defender. An attacker runs into the penalty-area and scores. Should you (a) award a goal, (b) a free-kick or (c) have the goal-kick retaken?

2

By using the shoulders of a team-mate, a defender heads the ball clear. Should you (a) take no action, (b) caution the defender and award an indirect free-kick or (c) award a penalty?

3

From an indirect free-kick the ball goes to an attacker in an offside position who scores. Should you award a goal?

4

When a free-kick is awarded to the defending team, outside their penalty-area, an opponent stands more than ten yards from the ball but inside the area. Should you take no action?

5

Before the start of a game, the two captains have tossed the coin but you have forgotten who should kick-off. Should you (a) wait until the centre-forward picks the ball up first and gives it to his side, (b) ask the captains to toss again or (c) ask one of the captains?

ANSWERS:

1. Have the goal-kick retaken (c). 2. Caution the defender and award an indirect free-kick (c). 3. No. 4. Take no action. 5. Ask one of the captains (c). When I refereed the Welsh Cup final between Swansea and Hereford it happened to me. I asked Swansea's John Mahoney and he replied it was Hereford's kick-off.

The last of our series in which top stars have spoken about their specialised roles and the players they most admire.

THE goalmaker. That's how the winger has been described since the earliest days of the game in its present form.

Slicing along the touchline, the best wingers seem to ghost through their defensive opposition.

Many have a turn of speed that would do justice to an Olympic athlete, and a whiplash acceleration to leave any full-back standing.

The winger is the man who aims to stretch the opposing defence to their limit, then float the ball into the middle for his strikers to take advantage of that width.

But the days of the winger sticking to the touchline and crossing at speed have faded.

The number of orthodox wingers in England today are no more than the number on a left-winger's shirt.

Aston Villa's Tony Morley is one of the few.

MIDFIELD JUNGLE

And in a game which has become a midfield jungle, his speed and skill come as a welcome relief to the excitement-starved fans.

His effectiveness can not be questioned. The fact Aston Villa are the best team in England at the moment is due at least partially to the goal-creating skills of Morley.

"I make the goals and Gary Shaw and Peter Withe score.

"That's the role of the winger — making chances and goals for the lads up front," he said.

But the role has changed over the years.

"Like most so called wingers, I tend to play midfield running wide — but clubs could definitely do with a few more out and out wingers. In fact, there is a demand for these men right now, they're coming back in fashion.

"When I came to Villa from Burnley I had to learn to run wide, but I was given plenty of time to adapt. It took me a while, though.

"My instincts told me to have a go, but playing in midfield I had to stay away at times — I often found myself ball-watching when I was ready to go and join in.

"But when I have to, I can turn on either the skill or the speed. I'm lucky to be able to do that.

"Clubs need somebody to take on the opposition."

Although he makes his living creating chances for the front runners at Villa Park, Tony's goal tally was into double figures last season.

"Normally I score from outside the box. Inside it is Peter and Gary's territory.

"The most satisfying goal I ever

hard seven days a week job.

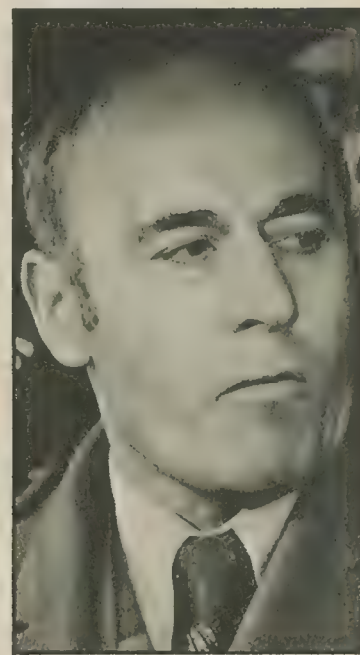
"But at a place like Villa, where you are treated like a star, it makes you feel good. You have pride and you want to play well and give everything at every game.

KNOCKS

"Soccer is a religion at Villa, and everything is different in a big city club. It's a beautiful ground with fantastic facilities."

At five feet eight inches Tony isn't the biggest player on the park, but he rarely gets caught by full-backs.

"I take a few knocks, but that is to be expected.



MANAGER RON SAUNDERS

SKILL

That's goal-maker

scored was in the League Cup against Leeds.

"It was a left foot volley. I was playing on the right at the time and a cross came over. It was an awkward angle, the sort of height you find hard to keep down. It could have gone anywhere, so I just hit it, bang — in it went. Great."

Tony is a right-winger by nature but Villa boss Ron Saunders thought the team was badly balanced so he was switched to the left.

"I can play with either foot, so crossing doesn't really bother me," he explained.

"There is little special winger training at Villa, although Tony will occasionally spend an afternoon crossing.

"I would love to see one of these loud mouthed spectators trying our training. The professional footballer today is unbelievably fit.

"Behind the scenes, football is a

"But one player gives me more trouble than any other."

England defender Viv Anderson seems to be able to read Tony's mind.

"He anticipates my every move and always gets in the way somewhere. It's those legs, you get past him and then he appears again next to you. He's my jinx player, I can't get him out of my system."

UNDERSTANDING

Tony rarely partners anyone in a game, but has a great understanding with whoever is playing full-back behind him.

"Peter Withe is everyone's partner. He is always available and always in space.

"Another lad we all rate is Des Bremner. He'll never score a great goal but he is a talented player.

"Of the other teams, I would say that Paul Cooper of Ipswich is the



Then you have to take it out on somebody. The ref is in control and frustrating our efforts so he tends to become a target.

ENGLAND AIM

"Professional football referees have a terrible job. In the most part they do it well, but everyone must consider our position when we suddenly turn round and start shouting. Sheer frustration."

Born in Ormskirk, Lancashire, Tony has high hopes of an international place. "But it's all up to Ron Greenwood," he said.

"That is my ambition — and of course to add to our

Championship medal at Villa.

"I'm really happy at the club, there's always something going on — we're always laughing. They are all daft. Peter Withe is the comic, a typical scouser.

"I always wanted to be a professional footballer. But I don't accept myself as a first team regular. I fight for it every week.

"Soccer for me is an exciting as ever, but it has changed in style, with the emphasis on fitness.

"To maintain our momentum at Villa we need just a little bit more luck — then to follow our League Championship win last season it could be the European Cup."

Morley finds it easy to cross the ball for Gary Shaw and Peter Withe (left). Under-rated Des Bremner (below, left). Viv Anderson (below, right) is a difficult defender.



AND SPEED

Morley's recipe for a top winger

best 'keeper I have ever come across. He must be one of the safest in the country.

"Kenny Dalglish is the player I rate highest. He is brilliant, plenty of skill, exciting, and he does a great job. I would love to play like him.

"It is always a great game when we play Liverpool, because they never give up.

"Ipswich are hard too. They beat us three times, but the best game of the season was at home to Middlesbrough. That game was a surprise — a fantastic match.

BEST GAME

"They really played well, but we were even better — and to win 3-0 was very satisfying."

Small players have trouble in bad weather, and Tony is no exception.

"I hate mud, the ball will do nothing for you and you really

Ipswich Town's number one Paul Cooper.

have to turn the skill on. Heavy pitches tire you. It gets difficult to take men on and everything and everybody turns into a problem."

Villa's left hand man isn't injury prone, but knows the difficulties of coming back after a long lay off.

"If you are out of any length of time then it's a real slog. Weeks and weeks of training and nothing at the end. It really is frustrating because you know you're not going to get a game. That is the time when you are going to give up if you have any doubt about the game.

"There is nothing like match practice. Touch wood I won't turn injury prone, I like playing too much.

"Nobody realises how frustrated you can get on the park. You are playing for a living, you want to win, and then things go wrong.



Morley's goal file for 1980-81

Aug. 16th

Leeds 1, Villa 2

Morley, Shaw

Aug. 27th

League Cup

Villa 1, Leeds 0

Morley

Sept. 23rd

League Cup

Cambridge 2, Villa 1

Morley

Oct. 4th

Villa 4, Sunderland 0

Evans (2), Shaw, Morley

Oct. 18th

Villa 3, Spurs 0

Morley (2), Withe

Oct. 25th

S'ton 1, Villa 2

Morley, Withe

Nov. 29th

Villa 1, Arsenal 1

Morley

Jan 17th

Coventry 1, Villa 2

Morley, Withe

Feb. 7th

Everton 1, Villa 3

Morley, Mortimer, Cowans (pen)

March 28th

Villa 2, S'ton 1

Morley, Geddis

April 4th

Leicester 2, Villa 4

Withe (2), Bremner, Morley

LINE-UPS...RESULTS...SCORERS..

Wednesday, May 6
(CONTINUED)

Second Division

CARDIFF 0
WEST HAM 0 10,558
Cardiff: Healey, Jones, Sullivan, Grapes (Thomas), Pontin, Dwyer, Lewis, Kitchen, Stevens, Ronson, Micallef.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Morgan, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst)
PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce 2) 15,050
Derby: Jones, Osgood, Buckley, Sheridan, McFarland, Spooner, Reid, Hector, Wilson, Swindlehurst, Emsen.
Preston: Tunks, Taylor, Henderson, Bell, Baxter, Blackley, Coleman, Haselgrave, Bruce, Houston, Elliott.

Fourth Division

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Showers, Spiring)
STOCKPORT (0) 0 1,107
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Lumby)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Dawson) 4,506

Thursday, May 7

Third Division

HULL (1) 3 (Mutrie 2, Edwards pen)
NEWPORT (0) 1 (Elsey) 2,059

Friday, May 8

Second Division

SHEFFIELD WED (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Morgan) 21,087
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Blackhall, Grant, Smith, Shirdiff, Johnson, Mellor, Taylor, King (Pearson), McCulloch, Curran.
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin (Brush), Devonshire, Neighbour, Morgan, Cross, Brooking, Pike.

Third Division

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Tartt)
EXETER (0) 0 3,448

Saturday, May 9

F.A. CUP FINAL

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (Hutchison)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Hutchison (og)) AET at Wembley 100,000
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Caton, Bennett, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison (Henry), Reeves.
Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Perryman, Villa (Brooke), Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddie, Crooks.

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

DUNDEE UTD 0
RANGERS 0 AET at Hampden Park 53,000
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Forsyth, Bett, McLean, Russell, McAdam, Redford, Johnston.

Tuesday, May 12

SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

(replay)

DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1 (Dodds)
RANGERS (3) 4 (Cooper, Russell, MacDonald 2) 43,099
Dundee United: McAlpine, Holt, Kopel, Phillip (Stark), Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Dawson, Stevens, Forsyth, Bell, Cooper, Russell, Johnston, Redford, MacDonald.

International

ENGLAND (0) 0
BRAZIL (1) 1 (Zico) 75,000
England: Clemence, Neal, Sansom, Robson, Martin, Wilkins, Coppell, McDermott, Withe, Rix, Barnes.
Brazil: Valdir Peres, Edevaldo, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Socrates, Cerezo, Zico, Paulo Isidoro, Reinaldo, Eder.

Wednesday, May 13

First Division

IPSWICH (2) 2 (Brazil, Wark)
SOUTHAMPTON (3) 3 (Keegan, Moran 2) 19,504
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Parkin, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, D'Avray (O'Callaghan), Brazil, Gates.
Southampton: Wells, Baker (S), Holmes, McCartney, Watson, Nicholl, Keegan, Channon (Puckett), Baker (G), Moran, Bell.

Thursday, May 14

F.A. CUP FINAL

(replay)

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Mackenzie, Reeves pen)
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Villa 2, Crooks) 92,500
Manchester City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald (Tueart), Reid, Power, Caton, Bennett, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Reeves.
Tottenham: Aleksic, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Villa, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddie, Crooks.

Friday, May 15

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (0) 0
HEREFORD (1) 1 (McGrellis) 1,249

Saturday, May 16

British Championship

WALES (2) 2 (Walsh 2)
SCOTLAND (0) 0 18,895
Wales: Davies, Jones (Boyle), Price, Phillips, Ratcliffe, Flynn, Nicholas, Thomas, Hames, Harris, Walsh (Charles).
Scotland: Rough, Stewart, Gray (McGrain), Miller, McQueen, Burns, Provan, Narey, Jordan, Hartford, Graham (Sturrock).

Tuesday, May 19

British Championship

SCOTLAND (1) 2 (Stewart, Archibald)
NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0
Scotland: Thomson, McGrain, Gray, Stewart, McLeish, Miller, Sturrock, Hartford, Archibald, Burns (T), Robertson.
Northern Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl (J), Nelson (Donachy), McClelland, Nicholl (C), O'Neill (J), Cochrane, O'Neill (M), Armstrong, McIlroy, Hamilton.

First Division

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Kennedy (R))
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 24,462
Liverpool: Clemence, Neal, Kennedy (A), Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Gayle, Case, Johnson, McDermott, Souness.
Man City: Williams, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Power, Booth, Bennett, Gow, Mackenzie, Hutchison, Tueart.

Wednesday, May 20th

U.E.F.A. CUP FINAL

(second leg)

AZ67 (3) 4 (Welzi, Metgod, Tol, Jonker)
IPSWICH (2) 2 (Thijssen, Wark) 28,500
(Ipswich win 5-4 on agg)
AZ67: Treytal, Reynders, Spelbos, Metgod, Hovenkamp, Peters, Welzi (Talan), Arntz, Jonker, Nygaardtold (Kist).
Ipswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.

British Championship

ENGLAND 0
WALES 0 34,280
England: Corrigan, Anderson, Sansom, Robson, Watson, Wilkins, Coppell, Hoddie, Withe (Woodcock), Rix, Barnes.
Wales: Davies, Jones, Price, Phillips, Ratcliffe, Flynn, Nicholas, Thomas, James (L) (Rush), Walsh, Harris (Giles).



F.A. Cup Final hero Ricky Villa of Spurs beats Manchester City's Tommy Caton.

Saturday, 23 May

British Championship

ENGLAND 0
SCOTLAND 1 (Robertson (pen)) 90,000
England: Corrigan, Anderson, Sansom, Wilkins, Watson (Martin), Robson, Coppell, Hoddie, Withe, Rix, Woodcock (Francis).
Scotland: Rough, McGrain, Miller, McLeish, Gray, Stewart, Provan, Archibald, Jordan, Hartford (Narey), Robertson.

This completes SHOOT's line-up service for the 1980-81 season. Details of the European Cup Final will be included in our special colour review of the big match next week.

SCOTTISH GOALSCORERS

FIRST DIVISION
Frank McGarvey (Celtic) 25
Charlie Nicholas (Celtic) 25
Paul Sturrock (Dundee United) 23
Colin McAdam (Rangers) 21
Davie Dodds (Dundee United) 18

FIRST DIVISION
Blair Millar (Clydebank) 24
Ally McCoist (St Johnstone) 23
Sandy McNaughton (Dunfermline) 23
Eric Sinclair (Dundee) 21
Ally McLeod (Hibs) 19
Gary Murray (Hibs) 19, 12 with Montrose

SECOND DIVISION
Danny Masterton (Clyde) 23
Steve Hancock (Stenhousemuir) 21
Jimmy Liddle (Cowdenbeath) 21
Gerry McCoy (Queen's Park) 21
Iain Harley (Arbroath) 16





Sheffield United DOWN ... to the Fourth Division for the first time.

Dundee United joy after beating Celtic in Scottish Cup Semi-Finals.

SHOCKS AND SURPRISES OF 1980-81



Giant-killers Exeter celebrate 4-0 win over Newcastle in F.A. Cup Fifth Round.



"Team of the 80's" Crystal Palace relegated to Div. Two.

In the middle of last season, Barry Siddall was football's forgotten man. The big goalkeeper had lost his place in the Sunderland side, and spent a brief period on loan to Fourth Division Darlington.

Then in March, Chris Turner was injured, Siddall regained his spot in the line-up, and finished the term as number one 'keeper at Roker.

When Siddall did make his comeback in League soccer, his form was good enough to keep out Turner after Chris had recovered from injury, leaving Barry — suspended after a bust-up with sacked boss Ken Knighton the man in charge when Sunderland travelled to Anfield for the all-important end-of-season victory at Liverpool.

During Siddall's spell in the soccer wilderness, he never lost the belief that he still had plenty to offer in the game.

"I've always been confident —

playing some of my future football in North America, I know that Vancouver Whitecaps have shown some interest in me.

"Here in the North-East, Middlesbrough and Newcastle United, along with Sunderland, can only look back on a disappointing season and work to bring about an improvement.

'Pride'

"For myself, the past year has been a bit traumatic, though I got the chance to restore my pride — I've always thought about, and put plenty, into my game, and I plan to carry on in that way."

There is no reason for Siddall to feel wary about the arrival of a new manager at Roker Park.

He is one of the First Division's most consistent goalkeepers and is clearly enjoying a new lease of life since his return to the team.

'Sunderland need four new players'

says
BARRY SIDDALL

I'll never be any different, though my faith in my ability was certainly put to the test.

"After playing close to 300 matches for Bolton and Sunderland, I believed I had proved myself a player of First Division quality, and in goalkeeping terms I was still a young man.

"Then when I was left out knew I hadn't become a bad 'keeper in such a short period of time."

It was Siddall's confidence in himself as a top-class goalkeeper that he made him end his on-loan stint with Darlington after eight games.

"At Feethams, with all due respect to the club, I knew the Fourth Division wasn't for me. I told myself I was the equal of goalkeepers in Division One and didn't feel right at Darlington."

Possible

Now, having recaptured his status as a regular member of the first-team squad, Siddall is able to view the months ahead more hopefully than he would have thought possible at the beginning of 1981.

And uppermost in his thoughts is the aim to keep on playing consistently — whether it be in England or on the other side of the Atlantic.

"At Sunderland, we've managed to stay in the First Division, but to really consolidate our position in the League we'll need three or four players to strengthen the side.

"At the moment, my personal ambition goes no further than to be first choice at Roker.

"But if it works out that I'll be



NEAR-DISASTER FOR FIVE-GOAL HODGSON

MIDDLESBROUGH'S exciting young striker David Hodgson sets himself a high standard.

While most of the country, particularly the North East, is raving about his pace, control and sheer enthusiasm, the 20-year-old from Tyneside is far from happy about his season.

"It's been my worst and I just hope I never have another as bad," he freely admits.

"It seems like I've only played half a season because of a succession of injuries... and I haven't done myself justice in many of those games."

In fact, if it hadn't been for a golden spell around Christmas, it would have been a total disaster in Hodgson's eyes.

"We had a good run in the League, I scored the first hat-trick of my career against Spurs, then we went to Swansea in the FA Cup and played brilliantly to win 5-1," he recalls happily.

The Swansea tie was the start of the Cup run which was to give Hodgson the worst moment of his season — indeed, of his football life — in a Sixth Round replay at Wolves.

"I really thought we were going to Wembley, especially after we were drawn against Wolves in the Sixth Round at Ayresome Park," he says.

"But we could only draw and they beat us 3-1 in extra time in the replay at Molineux.

"When their third goal went in, I knew there was only five minutes left and we wouldn't be able to come back. It was a terrible moment and I was in tears at the end."

Other disappointments for Hodgson were his televised sending-off at Manchester City after a clash with Nicky Reid —

nothing seemed to go right after that, he recalled — and his depressing goal tally.

Hodgson ended with only five League goals so that exciting hat-trick against Spurs turned out to be more than half his final total.

"I know I should have scored more, but I've not been helped by the fact that I've had so many different partners in the forward line. We haven't been able to work out a real understanding," he said.

Still, Hodgson can't consider his season a total waste after making a big impression on Ron Greenwood with his performances for the England under-21's.

And there has been the astonishing relationship between the young striker and the Boro fans... few players can be so popular with their supporters.

It has been helped by the fact that Hodgson stands on the terraces with the fans when he is injured and even travels with them to away games wearing his red and white Boro scarf.

"I got on great with them," he says. "At times, it seems like I know most of them and it's valuable to me to have a good relationship with them."

Now, Hodgson is hoping to give them and new boss Bobby Murdoch, a little more success to cheer next season.

"I'll be hoping to steer clear of injury and perhaps pop up with a few more goals than I was able to provide this time," he said.

WHAT a difference a month in football makes. Honestly, it can spin out like a year at times!

Look at my own position, for instance, for a complete illustration of what I mean. Last month I was dropped from John Greig's Scottish Cup Final team to meet Dundee United at Hampden.

I wasn't even included in the squad of 13 and, honestly, I was hurt and shocked. That game ended in a goalless draw, of course, and three days later I was back at Hampden.

However, instead of sitting worrying in the stand watching and cheering on my mates I was in the midst of the action, leading the front line and helping the club to their 24th victory in the tournament.

The previous Saturday I had left Hampden dismayed and dejected. I felt utterly low, out of things and forgotten.

On the Tuesday I left delighted without a trace of disappointment. What an amazing transformation! The record books will simply show that we beat Dundee United 4-1 in



the replay, but that game will live with me forever. It meant so much to me to succeed.

My pride took a severe battering, believe me, when I wasn't considered good enough for even a place on the substitutes' bench for that first game. Like I said a fortnight ago I had heard the whispers of other clubs fancying me and who could blame me for wondering if my future lay at Ibrox, the place that has been my second home since I signed for the club as a 15-year-old from Dundee Schools?

Now, though, it's time to reflect on another Cup campaign and another victory over United, my boyhood idols. While we were celebrating I couldn't help but feel sorry for my old pal, Willie Johnston.

Johnstone (dark shirt) scores against Airdrie in the Scottish Cup.

He missed the replay because of a pelvic injury condition and he had to watch the match from the stand. I know exactly how you felt, Willie.

Watching football can be a painful experience, believe me. A few years ago I picked up a nagging injury and had to sit on the sidelines, but I did NOT go to watch Rangers. I just couldn't stand up to that pressure knowing there was nothing I could do about it.

Instead I went to watch sides such as St Mirren and Clydebank and could relax a bit more!

That's why I felt so happy to put in the thick of things against Dundee United in the replay. All credit to the lads from Tannadice. They're a good team and play fine football, but the evening belonged to Rangers.

Ironically, John MacDonald and Davie Cooper were also left out of the side for the Saturday game although they did get a run after coming on as substitutes.

I don't think anyone will argue when I say Davie and John were immense against Dundee. Davie was fabulous, in one of those

moods where everything he tried came off.

He scored the opening goal with a lovely little lob over Hamish McAlpine and he set up the second with a cunning, swerving free-kick from the left. Robert Russell eventually put it over the line, but if I had been an inch quicker I would certainly have scored. I just missed the crossball with my head and there was Robert doing a 'Martin Peters' and coming in one the blindside.

John MacDonald then joined in the celebrations with two goals, one in each half, and no one could deny we were worthy victors of the trophy. Now I'm looking forward to competing in the European Cup-Winners' Cup next season where I'm sure we can be a success. My Cup adventure ended as it had begun... with a smile on my face! In the opening round the gaffer, John Greig, asked me to play up front in place of the injured Colin McAdam and I was lucky enough to score two goals in a 5-0 triumph over dangerous Airdrie at trim, little Broomfield.

Like I said in my Cup Final pre-

'MY PRIDE WAS HURT'



view, victory doesn't suddenly make everything right at Ibrox. We finished the League season too many points behind eventual winners Celtic for comfort and that's something we aim to rectify next time out.

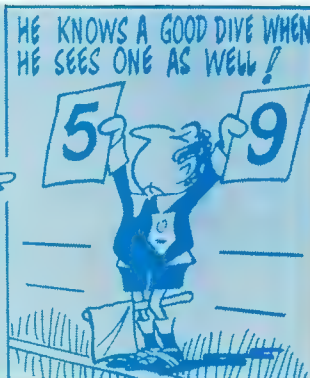
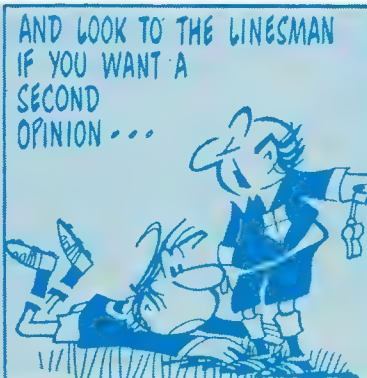
Before I go I would also like to congratulate Spurs on their success in the English Cup Final. What a marvellous game that was at Wembley. I've got it on video tape at home and I'm still not sure how Ricky Villa got that winning goal!

Spurs have always been one of my favourite clubs. I don't know why. Possibly because of their exciting traditions and past players such as Jimmy Greaves, Danny Blanchflower, Dave Mackay and men like that.

Derek Johnstone

**TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK**

NOBBY



THE 1981 British Championship was wrecked by the refusal of England and Wales to play in Belfast . . . but Wales showed in their 2-0 win over Scotland the sort of progress they've made under Mike England. It's wrong to call them a team without stars — but their strength lies in the passion of their play and the understanding of players who have been together for quite a while. On the other hand, Scotland manager Jock Stein is still searching for the right blend, plus the sort of enthusiasm that has become the hallmark of Wales in recent seasons.



Two-goal hero Ian Walsh has been in fine goalscoring form for his country.



DRAGONS

Dai Davies (left), who became Wales's most-capped goalkeeper against Scotland and was named captain in recognition.

Midfield tiger Peter Nicholas on the ball, chased by Asa Hartford (right).



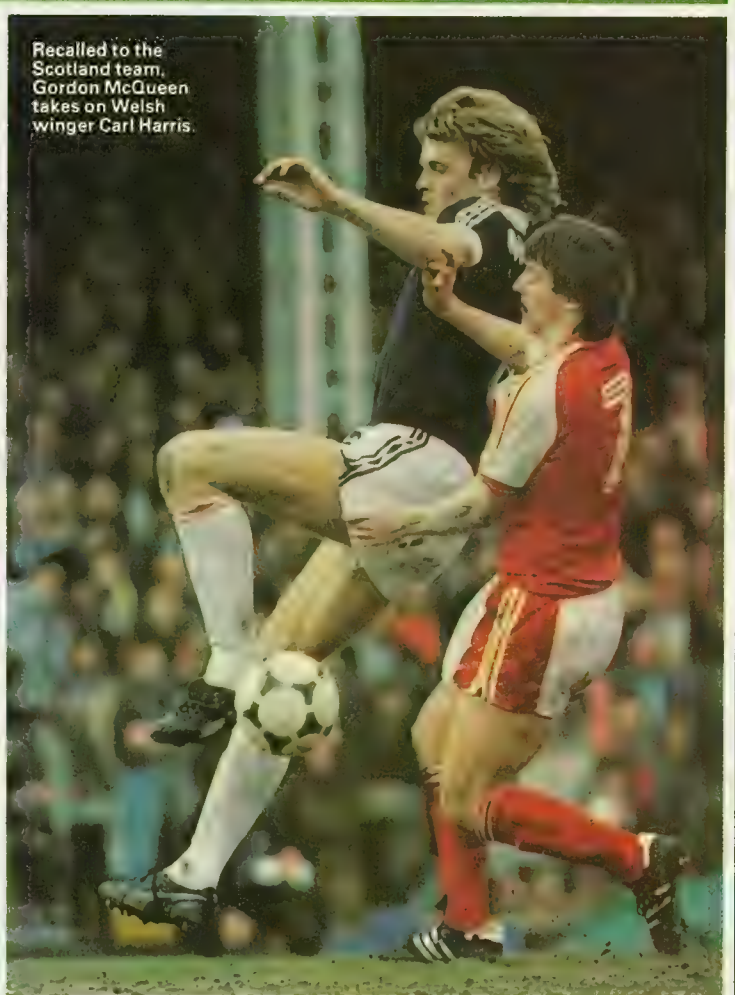


Mickey Thomas is outnumbered by David Narey and Kenny Burns on this occasion.

ROAR



Another accurate pass coming up from Brian Flynn.



Recalled to the Scotland team, Gordon McQueen takes on Welsh winger Carl Harris.

SHOOT!

If Celtic's teenage sensation Charlie Nicholas could have written his script for the end of the season it could not have gone any better for the 19-year-old striker, voted Scotland's most Exciting Player of the Year by SHOOT readers.

For the season — his first in the Parkhead side — had carried only one disappointment since he burst into the team shortly after the start of the season.

That was the Old Firm game at Ibrox when Rangers won 3-0 and Nicholas, playing for the first time against his club's oldest rivals, was substituted.

He wanted to wipe out that memory, settle the score — and that's exactly what he did. In the second clash between the two Glasgow giants at Ibrox Nicholas was the Celtic star and he scored the goal which virtually clinched the title for his side.

Celtic boss Billy McNeill waited until a win over Dundee United four days later to admit that his team were title winners.

Mathematically, he was right — but the legions at Ibrox that Saturday knew that Celtic had taken Aberdeen's crown. And that Nicholas' goal had done it.

Afterwards the youngster said: "It was a bit special for me to get



Nicholas formed a deadly scoring partnership with Frank McGarvey (above right).

through the season there were sighs of relief from the thousands of Celtic supporters.

And sighs of disappointment from top English managers, several of whom watched the new Parkhead wonder boy and pondered a bid.

Not that McNeill would ever have considered selling his brightest young star.

Nicholas, too, insists: "I'm happy where I am. I've always been a Celtic supporter and if I wasn't playing for them then I'd be watching them every week from the terracings.

"It was an ambition to play for them and they have been good to me. The boss and his assistant John Clark helped me a lot."

For the future, of course, Nicholas looks to Europe with anticipation. Last season Celtic were in the Cup-Winners' Cup and after a win against the Hungarian Cup holders they went out against the Rumanians from Timasoara, later beaten by West Ham.

Nicholas played in these games and remains convinced that the Scots should have gone further.

"We were very unlucky," he says sadly. "Now though we are in the big one. I think that the European Cup is THE tournament and I can hardly wait to play in it.

"Obviously I'd like to have a run with the team. The last time they were in this one they reached the Quarter-Finals before losing to Real Madrid.

"Repeating that kind of run and maybe going better is our aim. I enjoy playing in Europe and the boss has already arranged for us to play in a pre season tournament in Holland against teams like Feyenoord and Dukla Prague. That will give us an edge for the European Cup."

How Charlie Nicholas settled his score with Rangers

that goal and to be able play quite well in the game. I knew I had let myself down before. Maybe it was too much for me to handle.

"After all I had just gone into the team and an Old Firm game is different from any other. Don't let anyone ever tell you otherwise. I have never known anything like it and I don't think I ever shall.

"Once you have played in a Celtic-Rangers game then I think you could play in any game, anywhere! But that first one was a big let down to me. I didn't feel all that nervous beforehand. But it's when you get out there that you realise what tension there is in the match.

"Anyway, I wanted to do something special the second time around and I was able to get the goal. That made up for the first match."

It did, though it's doubtful that any of the Celtic fans would dream of complaining about the season Nicholas has had. The youngster has teamed with either of the other two Celtic strikers, Frank McGarvey and George McCluskey — and got goals.

His close skills, too, have been breathtaking at times. And when Celtic boss Billy McNeill signed him on a new contract midway



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Villa's example

ASTON VILLA's Championship success is an example to all.

With respect to each of the Villa players, there were no big stars or indeed any current internationals in their team, yet by excellent coaching and team-work Villa reached the top of British football.

Villa's title win must give great inspiration to Stoke, Brighton, Coventry, Wolves, Luton, Norwich, Birmingham and other less fashionable clubs.

Dave Sexton's sacking only illustrates further the disastrous form of Manchester United; Villa's workmanlike success makes United's star-studded failure all the worse and it appears to be Sexton who is carrying the can.

Villa have been on television nearly every weekend and have always entertained. Armchair fans can't fail to be impressed and enticed along to Villa Park, one of England's most comfortable stadiums.

PETER JARDINE,
GLASGOW.

● Now comes the even more difficult part; can they stay at the top?



This week's Star Letter comes from Simon Frost of Hemel Hempstead, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

RE-ELECTION NOT ALWAYS THE END



WITH the 1980-81 promotion and relegation issues settled, I have come across, while looking through previous years' League tables, a remarkable rise and fall in fortune for two clubs in six years.

In 1974-75, Sheffield United finished sixth in Division One, just four points behind the Champions Derby County.

That same season, Swansea City had to apply for re-election in Division Four.

But how times have changed! In 1981-82 Swansea City will be in Division One for the first time, and Sheffield United in the Fourth, also for the very first time in the club's long and successful 92-year history.

This all goes to show that finishing in the bottom four of the Fourth Division isn't always the end... especially if the side is managed by a man like John Toshack.

● Swansea's rise is as inspiring as United's decline is sad.

Swansea (dark strip) have enjoyed a remarkable change of fortune.

Well done, Keith

I WOULD like to compliment Keith Hackett on the way he refereed the F.A. Cup Final. He kept the game flowing so it was a continuous spectacle of football at its best.

The T.V. viewers were never bored by arguments between Mr Hackett (left) and the players and not once did he have to have a consultation with his linesmen.

Mr Hackett took each situation very calmly and stopped any flare-ups that might have happened. He was also up with play at all times but never got in the way of the players.

KEITH MORROW,
LIMERICK.

● Most fans wouldn't have noticed the ref in the first game — the ultimate compliment for an official. And in the replay he took a firm line and rightly cautioned five players.

T.V. Ref

I WOULD like to congratulate SHOOT on its article "Refs Rob Eire of World Cup Glory" showing the injustices of bad refereeing decisions.

Getting to the World Cup Finals would boost the game in Ireland. Why can't something be done about this?

The only solution I see is closed-circuit television with a referee (not the one refereeing the match) watching. If the referee on the pitch makes a wrong decision, he would then be informed by the ref. watching the TV.

Something must be done to stop injustices and keep the moral "the best team wins". BRIAN FITZMAURICE,
BLACKROCK.

● Refs, like players, make mistakes that can win and lose games. But the referee is always right — even when he's wrong.

Middle-of-the-road England

IT'S about time England fans realised that their side isn't capable of winning Championships, but is merely a middle of the road team!

As for the rubbish in the popular Press, that each point dropped is "only a minor setback in England's World Cup plans", one has to laugh.

If England qualify it will be a great achievement, but both Rumania and Hungary have the ability to stop them.

Whatever happens though, English fans have the comfort that their League, if not their international team, is the best in the world!

AListair JANUSCH,
OAKLEY GREEN.

● I think England will just about qualify. But I don't know of any England fan who thinks they will win the World Cup.

Get together

AMALGAMATION is the only lifeline left open to the less distinguished of the Scottish football clubs.

Unless these sides pool their resources without delay, then they will sadly disappear from the football front.

DOUGLAS DRINNAN,
PRESTWICK.

● This is also so of some English clubs.

Managers' fortune

WHY all the sympathy for managers who get fired?

I think this is how they make their fortune.

Tommy Docherty has done very nicely out of golden handshakes. Dave Sexton got £60,000 because Man. United broke his three-year contract.

If contracts work both ways, John Bond must owe Norwich City about £300,000 for breaching a ten-year contract.

WILLIAM ADAM,
GLASGOW.

● Managers have every right to compensation when they're fired. They'd still rather have their job, though.

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Highest draw

What has been the highest-scoring draw?

ANDREW BAILEY,
BUSHEY.

● Don't know overall, Andrew — but, as far as the Football League is concerned, it's 6-6.

That was the Charlton v. Middlesbrough Second Division game on 22nd October, 1960.

Incidentally, Brian Clough scored the first, fourth, and last of Boro's half-dozen.

Cricket start

How did Sheffield Wednesday come to get their rather unusual name?

STUART SOLLOWAY,
CUMBRIA.

● In 1816, Stuart, a group of steelworkers in Sheffield formed a cricket club to play on their half-day off from work.

This was a Wednesday — so they decided to call it the Wednesday cricket club.

On 5th September, 1867 — in order to keep members in touch during the winter months — a football section was formed.

And this was the humble origin of the famous Sheffield Wednesday F.C. we know today.

Caps

Who was the first player to gain England honours at every level?

STEPHEN MOWBRAY,
BLACKPOOL.

● O.P.R. manager Terry Venables claims the record there, Stephen.

He was capped at all five levels available during his playing days — School-boy, Youth, Amateur, Under-23, and Full.

And no one can now exactly match that set — as Amateur internationals have been abandoned, and Under-23 status replaced by Under-21.

SHORT PASSES

● Record F.A. Cup Final win is Bury 6, Derby County 0 in 1902-03. (ANDREW EGGLETON, Leighton Buzzard)

● Darlington's record victory is 9-2 (v. Lincoln; Div. Three North; 7th January, 1928); their record defeat is 0-10 (v. Doncaster; Div. Four; 25th January, 1964). (MARK STEPHENSON, Darlington)

● Birmingham have played in two F.A. Cup Finals — being beaten 2-1 by West Bromwich in 1931, and 3-1 by Manchester City in 1956. (ISOBARASSEN COOPPEN, Mauritius)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.



This week Ian Walsh, goalscor- ing hero of Wales' 2-0 win against Scotland in the British Championship, selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



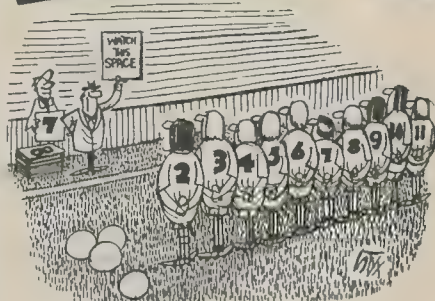
"Tell you what. We'll toss. Heads it was offside, tails it wasn't."



"He's got about as much style, excitement and aura as an old man doing up his braces."



"And how did the game go, dear?"



"Now remember, when I show a number that corresponds with one on your back you run smartly off the field."

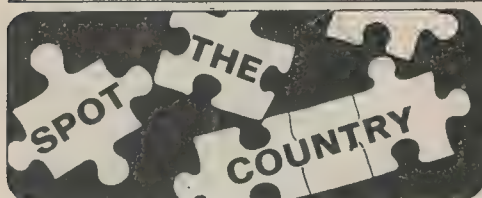


"He's got nothing to do now the season has finished."



"You would hardly think a highly trained professional footballer like my husband would lose his cool over missing a six inch putt."

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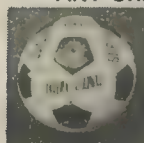
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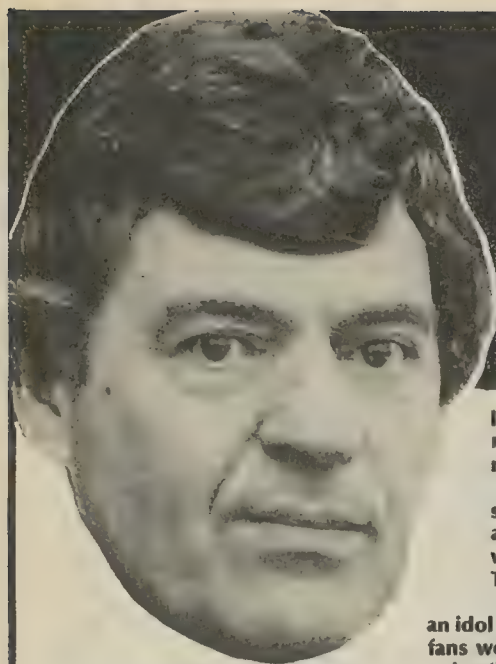


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'Why McMenemy turned down United'



linarian who demands respect and total commitment.

Lawrie is a big man in every sense of the word and already a popular personality with the media, especially TV.

He has great charm and is an idol down at The Dell. United fans would have loved him too.

Another recent surprise was England's decision not to play Northern Ireland in Belfast.

The Football Association were worried about the players' safety, but despite the troubles and recent flare-up I do not think for one minute the England team would have been in any danger.

I believe the F.A. acted too hastily and may have put the whole future of the tournament in jeopardy.

Manchester United have played in Northern Ireland on several occasions and received tremendous receptions.

We were there earlier in the season playing Linfield and were

treated like royalty.

The F.A.'s decision was so sudden I've got a feeling it was a political move. Even so, surely the game could have been rearranged for another venue in England... like Wembley.

As you know I was recalled to the Scotland squad for the British Championship and played in our disastrous defeat by Wales at Wrexham. No excuses, it was a dreadful display by Scotland.

I learned about my call-up sitting by the swimming pool in our hotel in Israel, which was situated about ten miles from Tel Aviv right on the coast.

An Israeli radio commentator came up and in broken English revealed: "Mister McQueen, you are in Scotland."

Of course, I knew what he meant. He'd heard the news on BBC radio which they receive out there.

It was a real surprise. Although I'd hoped Jock Stein hadn't forgotten me, I didn't think I'd played enough games following my long spell out with injury problems.

Joe Jordan was also in the squad so we trained every day while we were away, exercising and going for long runs along the beach.

The club issue training bags to all the players on away trips, even the non-playing ones.

United did have one game,

MY SOCCER
WORLD

Gordon
McQueen



against the Israeli national side containing nine of the men who played against Scotland at Hampden in the World Cup.

The only two missing were the 'keeper and Liverpool's Avi Cohen who was on duty with his club.

Lou Macari scored our goal in a 1-1 draw before a capacity 18,000. Although United treated the game seriously, Israel played as if it were a World Cup Final!

There were one or two tricky moments in a physical game, but no one was sent off.

Apart from training and that game we played golf, tennis, swam in the pool and visited the usual tourist attractions like the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. I also saw the spot where Jesus was supposed to have been crucified.

Experience

I'm not particularly religious but couldn't help being moved by the experience.

No one spent much time on the beach because it was covered in oil and full of soldiers on patrol.

While United were there the Lebanese and Syrian crisis was reaching flash point. We were a little worried I can tell you because the first thing they would have closed would have been the airport.

We watched the F.A. Cup Final on TV in our hotel. It was funny seeing the game and listening to a foreign commentary none of us could understand.

An interpreter told us afterwards that the Israeli commentator didn't think much of the first game. Nor did I. The replay made up for it, though.

Well, United are off on tour again this week, to the Far East. According to the itinerary we are to play games in Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, returning home on June 14th.

Let's hope United have a new manager by then. It's vital someone is appointed before we report back for pre-season training on July 27th.

Gordon McQueen

MANCHESTER United's end of season six day trip to Israel came at just the right time.

We not only had the opportunity to relax and recover from the sackings of Dave Sexton and Tommy Cavanagh, but also to discuss the future for the club.

At the time Lawrie McMenemy was odds on favourite to take over at Old Trafford and not one of the players was critical of the choice.

I was as surprised as everyone else when he turned down the job. Obviously I don't know all the reasons why Lawrie should have rejected one of the most prized yet toughest jobs in football.

Money couldn't have been the deciding factor because it must have cost United £100,000 to get rid of Dave and Tommy.

From what I've heard, Lawrie's loyalty to Southampton and family influenced his final decision to stay.

Success

The 45-year-old former guardsman has been at The Dell for eight years now and built a team not far short of achieving real success.

He's also developed a thriving youth policy which has produced players like Steve Williams and Steve Moran, two of the most promising in the country.

I understand Lawrie enjoys a tremendous lifestyle down in Hampshire and has recently moved into a specially designed house complete with swimming pool and tennis court.

Two of his children, Alison, 13, and Sean, 16, are also settled at school and studying for their GCE's, a crucial period in their lives. This wouldn't be the best time to take them away and put them in a strange school where they'd have to start all over again.

I expect Lawrie also wanted to take full control of United, power the directors would never grant.

Although I've briefly spoken to Lawrie a couple of times, I was impressed with the man who would have received a warm welcome from all the players at Old Trafford.

He's a player's manager, a discip-



Gordon was recalled to the Scotland side for their British Championship match against Wales at Wrexham.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S

Quiz Time

Cup Replays

The English and Scottish F.A. Cup Finals both went to replays. Can you answer the following questions about the games?



1. Dennis Tueart played as substitute for Manchester City against Tottenham. Did he replace Dave Bennett, Steve Mackenzie or Bobby McDonald?

2. Did Tottenham replace any of their players for young Gary Brooke?

3. Ricky Villa (left) was the Tottenham hero with two goals in their 3-2 win. Did he score one in each half or both in the same 45 minutes?

4. In Scotland, Rangers rescued a disastrous season when they beat Dundee United at Hampden Park. Did Davie Cooper or Bobby Russell score their first goal?

5. What was the half-time score?

True or False?

1. Hereford United, Halifax Town, York City and Tranmere Rovers finished in the bottom four of the Fourth Division last season and have to apply for re-election.

2. Peter Coyne scored four goals in a game for Darlington during 1980-81.

3. Since the formation of the Premier Division in 1974-75, Dundee, who clinched promotion from the First Division last season, have never played in the Top Ten.

4. Non-League Bishop's Stortford won the F.A. Vase trophy when



they beat Sutton United at Wembley recently (above).

5. Steve Moran scored regularly for Southampton last season.

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TRACE A TEAM

The names of 12 past or present Preston North End players are spelt out in this frame in straight lines, either horizontally, vertically or diagonally and forwards or backwards. How many can you find?

On the Ball answers

ACROSS:- 2) Swain. 4) Pea. 5) Turf. 7) Cent. 8) McNaught. 13) Taylor. 14) Crooks. 16) Plymouth. 18) Finn. 20) Draw. 22) Rug. 23) Berry.
DOWN:- 1) Partick. 2) Shaw. 3) Nor. 4) Penalty. 6) Flu. 7) Cramp. 9) Arch. 10) Gooding. 11) Token. 12) Trio. 15) Stewart. 17) Mid. 19) Droy. 21) Rib.

PICTURE PUZZLE



The action photograph was taken on April 4th, 1981, during a game between Sheffield Wednesday and Luton Town. Can you answer the following questions about the game?

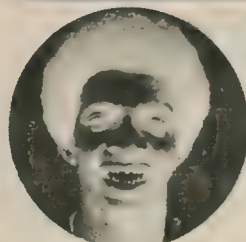
1. Can you identify the Wednesday striker in the stripes heading the ball?
2. Is the Luton 'keeper Jake Findlay or Alan Judge?

3. Jack Charlton's side beat Luton 1-0, 2-1 or 3-1?
4. Did Wednesday's Terry Curran score for The Owls?
5. What was the half-time score?

Spot the stars

Study the negative photographs and see if you can identify the stars from the clues.

1. He plays for a London club and has appeared for the England Under 21 side.



2. Began his career with Manchester City where he played 113 League games and scored 19 goals.



3. Since his transfer to The Rams he has been dogged by injuries. Started his career with Dundee before moving South to join Spurs.



4. Only member of the 1966 World Cup winning side still playing. Had a brief spell last season as player-manager of a Third Division club.



ANSWERS:

CUP REPLAYS 1. McDonald
2 No 5. Each half 4 Cooper
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'WHO SAYS WE DON'T TRY?'



I WOULDN'T like anyone to think that because I pulled out of the England squad that I am devaluing playing for my country. It's a million miles from the truth.

There were special reasons and circumstances for my withdrawal and I'm still very much of the opinion that playing for your country is one of the greatest honours — if not the greatest — in the game.

And although the British Championship turned out to be a non-event with England and Wales not playing in Belfast and players being pulled out left, right and centre for club commitments and injuries, I am sure that every professional in the country still feels as passionately as I do about playing international football.

It's the sort of thing you dream about as soon as you pull a football shirt on for the first time and although it might appear that playing for your country has lost some appeal, I don't think it's the case.

I know what the mood is like in the England camp about the issue and if you want an example of what it means, try asking Trevor Francis how he felt when he made

his international comeback. After the injury he had experienced, it was a memorable milestone in his career.

From the experienced players like Ray Clemence, Dave Watson and Kevin Keegan, down to the newest international, they all wear an England shirt with pride.

And it applies in the other home countries, too. Before Frank Gray went to Leeds we had three players more often than not from Nottingham Forest in the Scotland squad — along with John Robertson and Kenny Burns — and I know how disappointed any of them were if they were ever left out of the side.

It's the same with Northern Ireland and Wales, who have had such success of late that it almost seems double the honour to be picked.

I'm certain that all the players take their pride with them on to the field and although we don't seem to have had the success at international level to compare with what Liverpool, ourselves and Ipswich have had in recent times in Europe, it's certainly not through any lack of commitment.

'Jimmy's devotion to Forest'

NOBODY in football underestimates the role that the "Third Man" has played in the management set-up at Nottingham Forest.

I'm talking about Jimmy Gordon, who has just retired as first team coach after a lifetime devoted to football.

Jimmy had a testimonial against our newly-promoted neighbours Notts County and it was our supporters' chance to say "thank you" to him for the work he has put in behind the scenes.

I'm sure he's been an ideal person for Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to have as their coach.

While the manager can be outspoken and abrasive at times, Jimmy was always the one who could smooth things over with a few well chosen words.

His vast knowledge of the game and ability as a coach told him exactly what to do and I'm sure that he knew when to have his say with the management and when to keep quiet.

He is such a cheerful, happy-go-lucky character that there was never a dull moment in the dressing room with him around but at the same time there was always an air of discipline and respect for him.

The players knew exactly how

far to go — how much liberty they had before Jimmy would put his foot down.

On the other hand, one of Jimmy's great strengths was knowing how to deal with the players and how much training to give us.

There have been occasions when we have not trained hard and the players thought we should have been pushed. But there were other times when Jimmy really drove us and a few questions were asked like "What's going on here?"

But there has always been good sound reasoning for everything he did even though he rarely showed his emotions about anything.

There have been a couple of exceptions, however, like the time that the boss and Peter showed their respect for him by asking him to lead the team out against Wolves in last year's League Cup Final. We were only sorry we didn't win it for Jimmy.

And I'll always remember Jimmy last year after we had beaten Hamburg to retain the European Cup in Madrid. At the end of the match he came racing across to throw his arms around me.

It was a bit out of character but I'll always remember him for it.

Trevor Francis (above, left) has made a great recovery from injury. Jimmy Gordon (below, left) with Peter Taylor and Brian Clough.



ARSENAL: Frank Stapleton. The Arsenal Player of the Year is literally that — so Frank Stapleton was elected as the club's best player in 1980-81. Nevertheless, it was a nice gesture to the Republic of Ireland striker who seems certain to end his career at Highbury for a move to the Continent in the near future.

ASTON VILLA: Peter Withe. When Ron Saunders signed Withe from Newcastle for £500,000, he could never have expected such an immediate impact from this marvellous striker. The club's leading scorer in their League Championship campaign, Peter Withe has been one of the great success stories of the season.

BIRMINGHAM: Alan Ainscow. Succeeds Archie Gemmill as the club's Player of the Year, and has also taken over as the midfield orchestrator at St. Andrews. Ainscow was voted the outstanding player at the club by the Birmingham Supporters Club, the Beau Brummell Club and Regency International.

BRIGHTON: Mick Robinson. Contributed more towards Brighton's last-ditch escape from relegation than any other player at the club. His 22 goals in the League and Cup competition were invaluable, and he has already proved Malcolm Allison wrong after labelling him a £750,000 misfit following a disastrous spell at Manchester City.



Frank Stapleton

MAN. CITY: Paul Power. As captain under Malcolm Allison, Power took a great deal of criticism from frustrated supporters. Now he is the hero of Maine Road after shooting City to Wembley and playing such an important role in the City transformation since John Bond took over last October.

MAN. UTD: The United fans, like their chairman, haven't named their man yet. But it's a pretty safe bet that Garry Birtles won't be taking any honours.

MIDDLESBROUGH: Jim Platt. An outstanding season for the goalkeeper who was also voted North-East Footballer of the Year. It says a lot for Platt that he stood in at international level for Pat Jennings with hardly a hiccup in Northern Ireland's fine progress in the World Cup qualifiers.

NORWICH: Joe Royle. The man brought in to lend experience to the potential of Justin Fashanu managed to outshine his young protege. Nice to see that the former England striker will end his 14-year affair with the First Division with a tribute from the club he fought so hard to save.

STOKE: Peter Fox. Yet another goalkeeper to merit his club's award. Has improved beyond recognition over the season, and has been the solid basis upon which manager Alan Durban has based the defensive approach of a team who finished the season in a much healthier state than predicted for them last August.

SUNDERLAND: The award won't be announced for a while, but look for the names of Stan Cummins and Shaun Elliott to figure prominently.

TOTTENHAM: Glenn Hoddle was the Spurs' supporters favourite last year, and he could well repeat that triumph when the result of their poll is announced in October. The man who did so much to helping Spurs to their F.A. Cup Final victory may not be at the club by that time, though, as he is currently contemplating a move abroad.

THE FANS' FAVOURITES

Every club likes to present a Player of the Year award to their best player, and the First Division sides are no exception. Here we take a look at the men those clubs felt best represented them over the long and often difficult League season.

COVENTRY: Danny Thomas. Enjoyed a good first season in soccer. A season which promised so much for Coventry ended on a terrible low, with the removal of manager Gordon Milne from power. The form of the young full-back was one of the few bright spots for long suffering City fans.

CRYSTAL PALACE: Paul Hinshelwood. It is never easy to captain a side doomed for relegation with half the season remaining, but Hinshelwood showed admirable qualities of leadership and deserves this award for one of the most thankless tasks last season.

EVERTON: The result of the Everton Supporters Club award was not announced at Press time, but it's a fair bet that the fine form of Asa Hartford will make him a leading contender for the honour.

IPSWICH: Paul Cooper. The PFA chose John Wark, the sports writers opted for Frans Thijssen, but the people who see the side every week — the supporters — went for goalkeeper Paul Cooper. The only Ipswich regular first teamer without a full international cap, it is encouraging to see that Cooper's contribution to Ipswich's marvellous season did not go unnoticed.

LEEDS: John Lukic. Despite one or two jittery performances, the young 'keeper has improved sufficiently to make the full England squad. Kept 20 clean sheets in the League, and is clearly being groomed to succeed Clemence and Shilton at international level one day.

LEICESTER: Mark Wallington. Captain of the young and inexperienced side which fought so valiantly but unsuccessfully against relegation. The way in which Wallington shouldered the pressures on his young team-mates was admirable, and few deserve their awards more than him.

LIVERPOOL: Voting takes place at the Supporters Club AGM in June, with Graeme Souness or Alan Hansen expected to pip Kenny Dalglish.



Bryan Robson

WBA: Bryan Robson. There are 22 different branches of the Albion Supporters' Club, and each gives it own award. Although Tony Godden, Martyn Bennett and Brendon Batson took some of those trophies, the England midfield maestro took more than any other Albion player.

WOLVES: Paul Bradshaw. In recognition of the fact that were it not for Bradshaw, Wolves may well be playing in the Second Division next season. Anyone who plays behind a defence as uncertain as Wolves' deserves some kind of medal.



Paul Bradshaw

NOTTM. FOREST: Kenny Burns. Not an exceptional season by Forest's standards, and few will miss the challenge of European football more than Kenny Burns. This tough defender continues to excel, and his recall to the Scottish international scene was a well deserved boost.

SOUTHAMPTON: Ivan Golac. Surprisingly, the star names of Southampton, including Keegan, didn't get a look in their Player of the Year award. Instead, the honour went to Yugoslav full-back Golac who played a big part in Southampton's best ever season in the Football League.



Ivan Golac

THE future of West Brom winger Peter Barnes hangs in the balance after a late season shock. Barnes, still good enough to win a place in Ron Greenwood's England team, stunned Albion and manager Ron Atkinson with a transfer request.

The demand was rejected and Barnes was told: "You must see out your contract." But with another two years left, Barnes' future was plunged into doubt on the penultimate Saturday of the season, when he was dropped for the team which should have played at Leeds.

Barnes refuses to reveal exactly why he chose that time to demand a move. But as for the reasons for the request, he says firmly: "I'm convinced playing abroad would be beneficial to my career. I feel the challenge would motivate me

The disappointment at not playing regularly at international level plus the general disenchantment he feels with First Division football is why Barnes wants to go abroad. It is hardly stretching the point to say Ron Atkinson faces one of the trickiest tasks of his managerial career to

persuade Barnes to stay.

The dying interest in the game also worries Barnes. "Albion's average gate last season was around 22,000," he said. "Yet for one midweek match late in the season, we got only 15,000. That is something I miss from Manchester City. I was used to at least 40,000 every week at Maine Road and I found it helped to motivate me."

The chances of Barnes moving back to City are by no means remote. Indeed manager John Bond has declared he'd like Barnes to link with Joe Jordan. And Peter would definitely be interested in a move back to the club he didn't want to leave in the first place.

Although Albion want Barnes to stay and see out his contract, they are unlikely to keep an unhappy player for another two years. Apart from Manchester City, Manchester United and Everton could be interested in the Albion winger if he was released.

But Barnes believes he is a natural traveller. "There is no way I would ever stay at one club for ten years or anything like that," he says. "It's such a short life that I believe you benefit more by playing for several clubs. And if one club is abroad, that is ideal."

"I'd like to try Italy or Germany. Just for two or three years. The lads who have done it have done well financially and learned a lot. I'd like to follow their example."

Famous

Even if Barnes is tied to his contract, he will still be only 26 when he leaves West Brom. "Time enough to go abroad then," he says, with a shrug of those famous shoulders. "But ideally I'd like to go sooner."

"I believe the game has gone down in England in the last five years. When I first got into the Manchester City side at 18, there were some great players in the English First Division. Bell, Marsh, Law, Charlton, Best — they came from just one city, Manchester. Think of all the other great players around at that time all over the country."

"Today, it's hard to find any great players. But it's not only English football which has declined — even the European countries are struggling. Where are the players such as Cruyff, di Stefano, Puskas and Kopa? That quality just doesn't exist any more, although I believe these things go in cycles and it will change."

The dejection which is evident in the talk of Peter Barnes is the reason for his pessimism. But he does make optimistic and patriotic noises about the future of England's national side. "With players like Hoddle, Rix, Sansom, Robson and Statham around for the future, there ought to be a great England side in a few years," he says.

"Playing at home or abroad, I just hope I will be part of it."

Skill factor could drive Barnes abroad

more and I am certain the time is right for a change.

"I would love the excitement of playing on the Continent. Big crowds, a different atmosphere, different style of play... it would all be helpful. I fancy the experience because I'm sure there is greater accent on skill abroad. Football in England seems to have become a game for the midfield sloggers; players who just want to run their guts out. The skill factor doesn't seem to be important anymore."

Barnes' thoughts give a hint as to his true feelings. He was bitterly disappointed at missing out on so many England games in recent months, including a cap against Scotland at Wembley. He feels the winger is a dying breed in the English game.

"English football will be much the poorer if the wingers disappear," he says. "Other Continental countries have shown that wing play is vital, yet England, the so-called home of wingers, seems to have forgotten the lesson."



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Birmingham City

FULL NAME: Kevin Paul Dillon
BIRTHPLACE: Sunderland
BIRTHDATE: December 18, 1959
HEIGHT: 5ft 11½ins
WEIGHT: 11st 7lbs
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Ford Granada
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Sun
FAVOURITE PLAYER: David Hodgson (Middlesbrough), even though he doesn't score that often
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Nigel Winterburn, an apprentice at City
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Sunderland
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: Jim Montgomery
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Badminton, golf, pool
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Gerry Sweeney (Bristol City)
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: England Under 21's v Rumania — for more reasons than one
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not beating Notts County when Birmingham won promotion in 1979-80
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Rangers
FAVOURITE FOOD & DRINK: Dover sole and ginger beer
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES AND DISLIKES: Training and playing on Saturday/Smoking and hangers on
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: St Lucia
FAVOURITE TV STAR, MALE AND FEMALE: Michael Caine, Jane Fonda
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: A game of golf
FAVOURITE SINGERS: David Bowie, Harold Melvin & The Blue Notes
AFTER-MATCH ROUTINE: A meal and a drink with my fiancée
BEST FRIEND: My fiancée Sharon
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Don Dorman, chief scout at Birmingham
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth and Under 21
PERSONAL AMBITION: To get back into the Under 21's and play at Wembley
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